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JERSEY DEVIL

NJ admits it registered at least 6,600 non-citizens to vote — and 400 did!

New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill admitted yesterday that the state registered at least 6,600 non-citizens to vote because of a “software glitch,” and at least 400 of those cast a ballot. The White House said the revelation was all the more reason to pass President Trump’s voter ID bill.

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Resorts World's $5B expansion

By CARL CAMPANILE

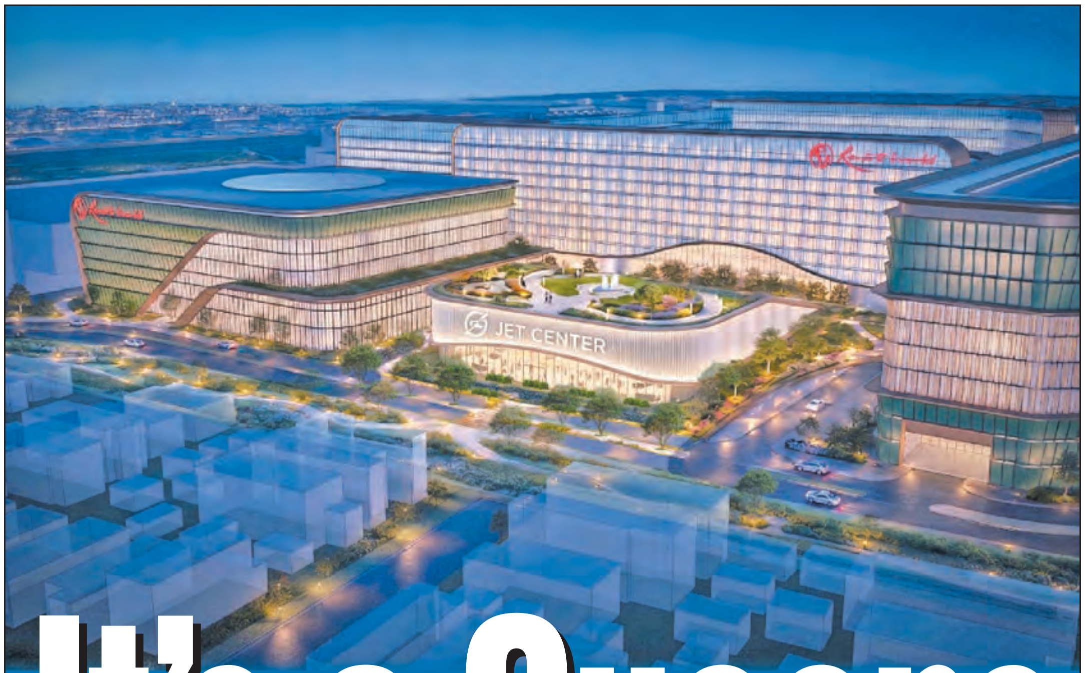
New renderings show a planned $5 billion expansion of the Big Apple's first full-fledged casino that will transform it into the largest integrated gaming resort in the country.

Resorts World New York City near the former Aqueduct racetrack in Queens will launch the next phase of the expansion Wednesday — complete with a second 400-room hotel tower and a 7,000-seat concert arena.

This groundbreaking comes a day after Resorts World unveiled its first-floor expansion, putting an additional 1,400 slot machines online and open to the public.

The Post obtained renderings of the expanded complex, which will include:

- Completing the Kenny "The Jet" Sports and Media Complex three years earlier than initially planned.
- The "Jet Center" is named after Queens hoops legend Kenny "The Jet" Smith, who won two NBA championships with the Houston Rockets and is now a TV basketball commentator.
- A second 400-room Hyatt hotel tower and a new luxury Crockfords hotel, adding to the existing 400-room Hyatt Regency hotel that opened in 2021. Eventually, 2,000 hotel rooms will serve Resorts World gamblers and other guests.
- A new central plaza and 7,000-person multipurpose arena for concerts.
- A new parking garage with thousands of solar panels.



It's a Queens casin-'grow'

ON A ROLL: Resorts World is breaking ground Wednesday on the next phase of its expansion.

Resorts World

The casino, which was awarded a state gaming license to offer live table games after featuring slot machines since 2011, this year became the first full Las Vegas-style casino in the five boroughs.

It now offers blackjack, craps, baccarat and roulette at 240 tables on the first, second and third floors of the casino.

It also features nearly 4,000 slot machines, including 1,400 that came online Tuesday.

Already one of Queens' largest employers, Resorts World had employed 2,200 people, and the expansion will provide an estimated 500 to 2,700 additional jobs by summer's end.

The state Gaming Commission also awarded two more gaming licenses for full casinos in Gotham.

New York Mets owner Steve Cohen and Hard Rock are planning a "Metropolitan Park" casino complex near Citi Field in Flushing, Queens — while Bally's plans to open a Bronx casino on the property of President Trump's former golf course at Ferry Point near the Whitestone Bridge — a move that nets the Trump Organization up to $115 million.

But Resorts World, owned and operated by the Malaysian-based Genting Group, is ahead of the game because it already had the existing and operational slots-only facility.

Community benefits

Resorts World NYC is not only spending $5.5 billion for its expansion but it has proposed a $2 billion community benefits package, with a commitment to build up to 50,000 units of workforce housing across the five boroughs, as well as a $100 million infrastructure improvement package.

The casino anticipates paying a total $10.8 billion in state and local tax payments during the first 10 years of its expansion.

It also is expected to generate $2.5 billion for the MTA through its $500 million gaming license fee, $2 billion in new revenue and $2 billion for the state public education system.

Resorts World reports it has generated more than $5 billion in revenue for New York state's public education system since opening in 2011.

MTA's $800K trash fail

MTA workers ignored basic recycling laws — sending hundreds of tons of recyclables to landfills and losing $800,000 in savings on its trash-hauling contract over five years, according to a report released Tuesday.

Workers at facilities owned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority — which often touts its services as eco-friendly — weren't separating recyclables from regular trash, the new report from the MTA's inspector general found.

In the rare cases the items were separated, the contracted waste hauler mixed cardboard and paper back in with garbage, the report said.

The amount of cardboard and paper the waste hauler recycled dropped by almost 80% between 2018 and 2023.

"The fact that the carting company commingled recyclables and waste from the facilities serviced by single compartment, rear-load garbage trucks is quite troubling because almost all agency locations assigned recycling containers — 104 out of 107, or 97% — were serviced by these trucks," the report said.

MTA board records show that Action Carting Environmental Services, a New Jersey-based firm, won a refuse and recycling contract in 2019 worth about $39.2 million, and later received a two-year extension valued at $19.3 million.

The deal required workers to keep cardboard and paper separate from regular garbage by using a dedicated recycling truck and sometimes gave the MTA a credit for the recycling depending on market prices.

But even when MTA staff set cardboard and paper aside workers, the contractor frequently loaded the recycling into the same single compartment garbage trucks used for trash, according to the investigation by Inspector General Daniel Cort.

Haley Brown

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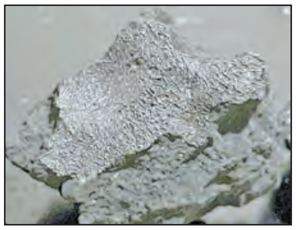

METEORITE
Research trove hit NJ roof.

Meteor 'break' through

When a 2-pound space rock smashed through the roof of a Hillsborough, NJ, home on July 16, 2024, it did more than ruin the master bedroom — it delivered a scientific jackpot to Earth.

Now, a newly published study reveals that the space rock — named "Hillsborough" — contains a wealth of amino acids and organic compounds, marking it as one of the most scientifically significant meteorites ever recovered.

The rock entered Earth's atmosphere at a speed of 32,000 mph. It broke into pieces, with pebbles from Staten Island into New Jersey. Hillsborough was at the far end of the cloud, where the largest rocks came down, and the only recovered rock was the one that hit the house.

The homeowner heard a "loud crash" at the time and found a hole in the ceiling in the master bedroom, plus a strong sulfur-like odor and black fragments that covered the bed and carpet.

Andrea Palladino

Greece frightening

Drivers in a Greek region are continuing to drive over a buckling bridge damaged by storms rather than taking a detour — just because it saves time.

Motorists navigate the crumpled Palaiopyrgos Bridge over the Pineios River to avoid taking a detour that could add 19 miles to their journeys, the Greek outlet Skai reports.

"Where should we go? Nothing can be done. We play with death every day," one local told Skai.

Chris Bradford

SELLERS & CHARYBDIS FOR IMAX

Gareth Cattermole/Getty Images

Scalpers charge $1K for 'Odyssey' tix

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Fans of Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey" are paying resellers epic prices for showings at New York City's only true IMAX 70 mm screen — with asking prices reaching over $1,000 per seat.

One eBay merchant with the cunning of Odysseus and foresight of Athena offered pairs of tickets to AMC Lincoln Square 13 on the Upper West Side for a jaw-dropping $999 each — successfully selling three pairs.

Other eBay listings included $998 for six "prime seats" and $899 for three back-row seats.

One brazen reseller has been asking $7,000 for five tickets for an August showtime — enough to try Penelope's patience — but was yet to get any suitors as of Tuesday afternoon.

A Reddit page dedicated to New York City moviegoers was flooded with pleas for tickets to see the movie as director Nolan intended — on the rare IMAX screens that can play 70 mm film, the highest resolution out there.

"I just want one ticket to 70 mm ... it's hurting my heart that I can't just get one ticket for one day, and I'm hearing some people didn't even show up to the movie," one user wrote.

"So please if you're not sure or planning to not go, drop your ticket to me, please. I'm calling on Zeus himself."

There's only about 40 theaters worldwide with true IMAX 70 mm screens.

Universal Pictures via Everett Collection

GREEK TRAGEDY: Zendaya, who plays Athena, is heavenly at the UK premiere of Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey," which fans are scambling to see at the city's only IMAX 70 mm screen.

AMC Lincoln Square 13 is the city's only such venue, with a massive 75.6-foot tall, 101-foot wide screen that is the largest in the country.

'Scam' warning

The Lincoln Square theater's 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m. and even 2 a.m. IMAX 70 mm showings of "The Odyssey" were sold out through Aug. 19, the latest available date Tuesday.

The only remaining IMAX 70 mm tickets there were for wheelchair seats — but customers as unscrupulous as Antinous have started buying those up, too, fans warned.

"Please stop buying up the wheelchair spaces and especially the companion seats no matter how popular a movie is if you are not disabled," one Reddit user pleaded.

A moderator of the r/NYCmovies subreddit told Variety the community has been working to keep scalpers and scammers at bay, but it's tricky since most profiles are anonymous, and banned scammers will make new accounts to continue posting.

For those willing to forgo the IMAX 70 mm experience, they'll have a relatively easy time. AMC Lincoln Square 13 had ample available seating for its Dolby and Laser screenings as of Tuesday.

But it seems most moviegoers want to see the nearly three-hour film in the highest quality possible.

Several posts warned users to beware of scammers asking for money transfers to their Venmo or Zelle accounts without providing ticket receipts or proof of purchase.

One user lamented that scalpers have become so aggressive that there were around 10 empty seats in a sold-out theater on Monday.

Release the ‘feeble Joe’ tapes: court

Biden loses ‘block’ bid

By EMILY GOODIN

WASHINGTON — Former President Joe Biden lost his bid Monday to block the release of audio recordings and transcripts of interviews with his longtime ghostwriter that were used in special counsel Robert Hur’s investigation into Biden’s unlawful hoarding of classified information.

A divided federal appeals court ruled the 46th president’s privacy claims did not outweigh the “substantial” public interest in the material, though the court suspended its decision until Aug. 3 to allow Biden to consider additional action.

Following his vice presidency, Biden met multiple times with author Mark Zwonitzer, who ghostwrote Biden’s 2017 memoir “Promise Me, Dad.”

The audio recordings of those interviews became part of Hur’s investigation, with the special counsel noting in his February 2024 report that Biden (inset) showed “diminished faculties and faulty memory,” and described the conversations as “painfully slow, with Mr. Biden struggling to remember events.”

Ultimately, Hur declined to bring charges against Biden, in part because Hur believed Biden would present himself to a jury as “a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory.”

The Heritage Foundation initially sued the Justice Department in March 2024, seeking the transcripts and recordings under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Biden’s attorneys have argued the conversations with Zwonitzer were candid and always intended to stay private.

The panel rejected that argument, ruling the material “became subject to FOIA’s disclosure mandate when the special counsel obtained possession of them as part of his investigation.”

The court also ruled Biden hadn’t shown sufficient evidence that he would “suffer irreparable harm” if the material was released.

“We conclude that any remaining incursion on personal privacy from disclosure of the now-redacted materials likely does not outweigh the public interest in disclosure,” read the majority opinion by DC Circuit Chief Judge Sri Srinivasan, a Barack Obama appointee, and Judge Gregory Katsas, appointed to the federal bench by President Trump.

The political fallout raised more questions about Biden’s mental capacity for the job, as he was running for a second term at the time.

Stopgap fund bill passes

House lawmakers on Tuesday passed a stopgap bill aimed at preventing a government shutdown before the midterm elections.

The short-term spending bill would ensure the federal government remains open through Dec. 4, well past the Sept. 30 funding deadline and the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

The so-called continuing resolution cleared the lower chamber in a 2020-205 vote.

Six Dems broke with Democratic leadership and voted with Republicans to pass the measure.

The measure now heads to the Senate, where Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) is expected to put it up for a vote before senators take a month-long recess in August.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) blasted Democrats for voting against the short-term funding extension, arguing they view a potential government shutdown as politically favorable ahead of the crucial fall elections.

Victor Nava

NJ VOTE

Jersey gov admits 400 non-citizens filed ballots

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Approximately 400 non-citizens cast ballots illegally in New Jersey elections since 2023 after more than 6,000 immigrants were wrongly added to the Garden State’s voter rolls, Democratic Gov. Mikie Sherrill admitted Tuesday.

Despite the mortifying disclosure, Sherrill managed to use her press conference about the fumble to take a swipe at President Trump.

When asked about the possibility of Trump using New Jersey as an example of vulnerable elections, she declared: “I think that Donald Trump has done more to undermine free elections in this country than certainly anyone in my lifetime, including [Russian President] Vladimir Putin.”

She added Trump “has zero credibility on the issue of election integrity.”

In a prime-time address to the nation last week, Trump claimed nearly 250,000 non-citizens were registered to vote in California, New Jersey, Nevada and Pennsylvania, with up to 35,152 wrongly enrolled in the Garden State.

Sherrill confirmed Tuesday she had received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security quoting that same figure and said “we have asked them for any evidence of this, where they got that number, who this is. We’ve received nothing back yet.”

After the announcement, the White House said Jersey’s foul-up was proof that the US needs to pass the SAVE America Act requiring voters to prove they’re citizens and to show ID.

“Democrats and their media allies have repeatedly said it is impossible for non-citizens to register to vote, let alone cast a ballot. Time and again, they have been proven wrong,” White House spokesperson Abigail Jackson told The Post.

According to New Jersey, the problem stemmed from a software glitch at the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which automatically registered around 6,600 non-Americans to vote between June 2023 and June 2024.

Automatic register

Despite applicants for driver’s licenses or ID cards indicating “no” on a keypad when asked if they were citizens, the system recorded them as being eligible to vote anyway.

The roughly 400 people who illegally voted were “registered as Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated voters and were scattered across the state,” Sherrill said.

The governor did not give details about where the non-citizen voters cast their ballots but said “we have no evidence at this time that any elections were swayed.”

Since 2017 there have been 13 elections in New Jersey that had vote margins of 10 votes or fewer, according to Ballotpedia.

New Jersey is one of 23 states, along with the District of Columbia, that allows automatic voter registration through their motor-vehicle bureau — with the onus on residents to opt out.

The New Jersey Globe reported the vendor responsible for the debacle is IDEMIA, a French firm that owns the provider of identity verification services behind TSA PreCheck and other government programs.

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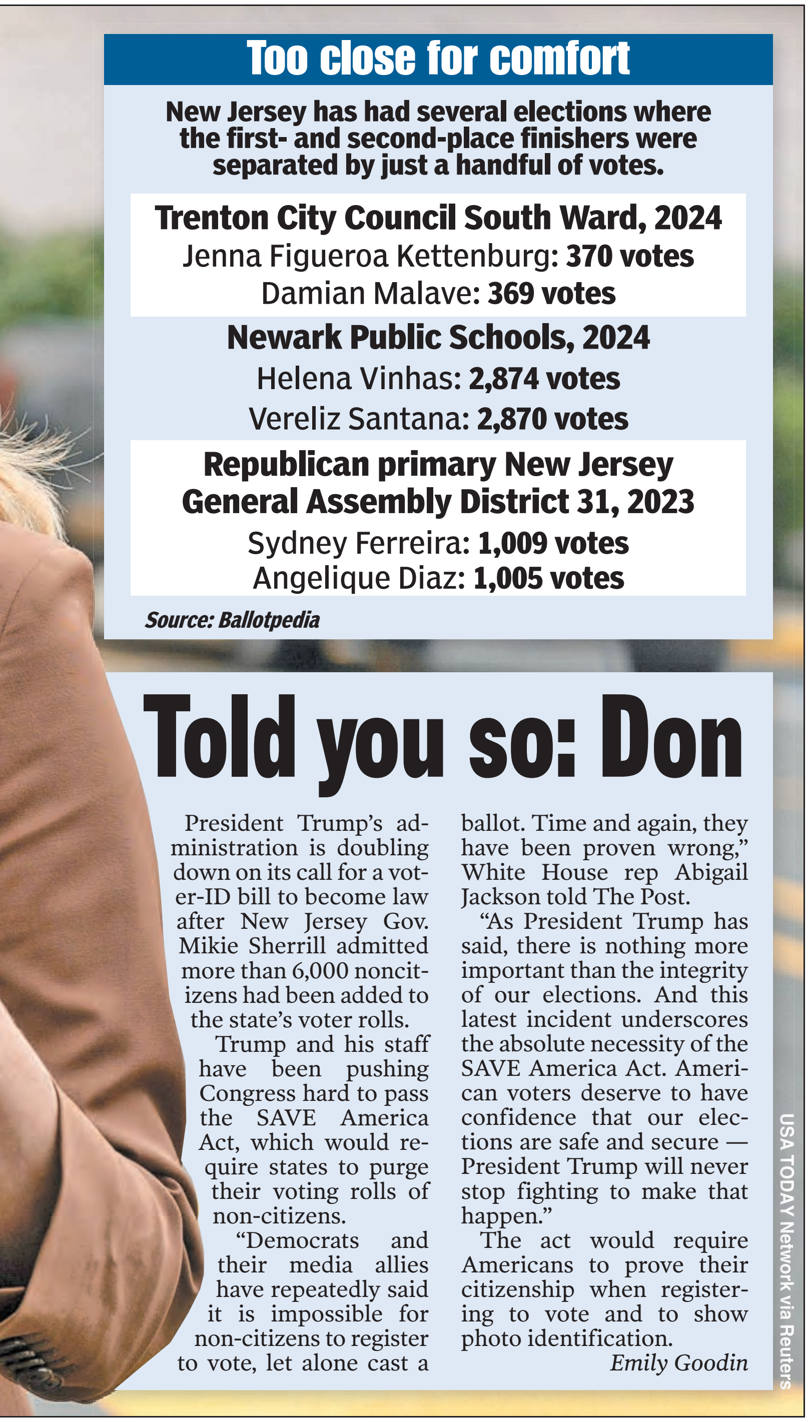

USA TODAY Network via Reuters

Too close for comfort

New Jersey has had several elections where the first- and second-place finishers were separated by just a handful of votes.

Election	Candidate	Votes
Trenton City Council South Ward, 2024	Jenna Figueroa Kettenburg	**370 votes**
	Damian Malave	**369 votes**
Newark Public Schools, 2024	Helena Vinhas	**2,874 votes**
	Vereliz Santana	**2,870 votes**
Republican primary New Jersey General Assembly District 31, 2023	Sydney Ferreira	**1,009 votes**
	Angelique Diaz	**1,005 votes**

Source: Ballotpedia

Told you so: Don

President Trump's administration is doubling down on its call for a voter-ID bill to become law after New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill admitted more than 6,000 noncitizens had been added to the state's voter rolls.

Trump and his staff have been pushing Congress hard to pass the SAVE America Act, which would require states to purge their voting rolls of non-citizens.

"Democrats and their media allies have repeatedly said it is impossible for non-citizens to register to vote, let alone cast a ballot. Time and again, they have been proven wrong," White House rep Abigail Jackson told The Post.

"As President Trump has said, there is nothing more important than the integrity of our elections. And this latest incident underscores the absolute necessity of the SAVE America Act. American voters deserve to have confidence that our elections are safe and secure — President Trump will never stop fighting to make that happen."

The act would require Americans to prove their citizenship when registering to vote and to show photo identification.

Emily Goodin

Sherrill also tore into her predecessor, Phil Murphy, without mentioning him by name.

'It's unacceptable'

"It's unacceptable that no one in the previous administration brought this to light, demanded accountability or took action when it happened years ago," she said.

"This failure didn't occur under my watch, but accountability starts now because the people of New Jersey shouldn't have to wait a year for a problem to get solved or two years to learn it even happened."

In response to the fiasco, Sherrill said her office has hired an independent firm, CSG Law, to investigate the issue and plans to switch software vendors as soon as next year. Officials are also sending letters to people impacted by the failure and scrambling to boot non-citizens off the voter rolls

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DISGRACE: New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill (left) said Tuesday that a software glitch at the state's motor-vehicle department enrolled non-citizens.

Leonardo Munoz

Mikie hates to say it

By POST EDITORIAL BOARD

THE POST SAYS:

That thing that never happens, non-citizens voting in US elections, happened several hundred times in New Jersey these last few years — that we know of.

Gov. Mikie Sherrill announced Tuesday that a glitch had registered roughly 6,600 non-citizens to vote between June 2023 and June 2024 and that nearly 400 of them had indeed voted.

That's not quite the 35,000 Garden State non-citizen registered voters that President Trump pointed to last week, but this group is the result of a single software error.

Yes: The state itself registered these folks as voters even though they'd checked the "not a citizen" box when applying for state ID or a driver's license.

Which tells you that others easily could register illegally simply by not checking that box, and the state likely would never notice.

After all, New Jersey is one of those states that basically tries to register every warm body that walks into any government office: The emphasis is on "inclusion," not "security."

Many close elections

Don't worry, Sherrill emphasized, "We have no evidence at this time that any elections were swayed" by these 400 illegal voters.

Yet a handful of ballots can determine a winner: Ballotpedia lists 660 US elections decided by 10 votes or less from 2018 to 2025, 13 of them in Jersey.

Nor can the governor say how many more noncitizens Jersey's rolls might hold: Democrats refuse to believe it happens, so deep-blue states rarely "waste" resources checking.

Poor Mikie: She had to admit it had happened, just days after the president's speech on election security and right as Democrats are blocking the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility act.

Yet she didn't take the chance to call for any tightening of Garden State voter-registration rules; it was far more important to name the real villain: "Donald Trump has done more to undermine free elections in this country" than anyone else in her lifetime, she thundered.

No good Democrat ever lets any facts distract her from spouting the party line.

'$547M scam' man nab

Int'l hunt snares a 'most wanted'

Fox News Digital

BACK TO FACE CHARGES: Khalid Satary is led off a jet by federal law enforcement to face charges he orchestrated a Medicare fraud of more than a half-billion dollars.

By ZOE HUSSAIN

A notorious fugitive on the FBI's Most Wanted Fraudsters List for allegedly stealing more than half a billion dollars from Medicare was captured after an international manhunt.

Khalid Satary, 54, was cuffed in the Middle East Monday after more than three years on the lam for allegedly orchestrating a scheme to defraud Medicare of more than $547 million, the US Department of Justice announced Tuesday.

Satary was indicted in 2019 in the Eastern District of Louisiana for allegedly billing Medicare for expensive and unnecessary genetic tests between 2016 and 2019, according to prosecutors.

The fraudster conspired with dozens of patient recruiters, telemarketing call centers, and telemedicine companies to craft deceptive marketing campaigns, illegal kickbacks, and bribes to create cancer genetic-test samples that were reimbursed for up to $20,000 a pop, authorities alleged.

Satary is accused of billing Medicare a total of over $547 million and paying millions of dollars in illegal kickbacks and bribes to doctors and patient recruiters.

He was freed on bond after his indictment with a condition to no longer work in the medical field.

Fled the country

But Satary allegedly continued conspiring with Houston-based laboratories in Texas to submit the phony genetic-testing claims to Medicare, the DOJ said.

A federal arrest warrant was issued for Satary in 2022, but he failed to appear for a court hearing and allegedly fled the country.

He was found to have a fake Mexican passport with a phony name when regional law-enforcement partners busted him Monday.

Satary was flown to the US and appeared in court in the Eastern District of Virginia Tuesday.

He was hit with charges including conspiracy to commit health-care wire fraud, health-care fraud, conspiracy to defraud the US and to pay and receive illegal health-care kickbacks and bribes, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

"The arrest of Khalid Ahmed Satary and return him to the US is the third Most Wanted Fraudster capture from this FBI and our partners in just 5 weeks — continuing the historic run of success for this new initiative," FBI Director Kash Patel said in a statement.

"This is another subject who exploited a program dedicated to helping our most vulnerable and instead stole for himself. Satary has been on the run since 2022, but we got him thanks to great work and coordination from the interagency and our overseas partners," he added.

Facing decades in jail

The FBI announced the creation of the Most Wanted Fraudsters List in early June. Satary is the third suspect to be arrested from the new list, Fox News reported.

Regarding possible penalties, Satary faces a maximum of 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering; 10 years for health-care fraud and conspiracy to commit health-care fraud; and five years for conspiracy to defraud the United States and to pay and receive kickbacks.

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ROBERT KENNEDY JR.
$1B cut to Calif. and Minn.

Nix on Medicaid 'rip-off' payments

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Tuesday he's stopping more than $1 billion in federal Medicaid payments to California and Minnesota over suspected fraud.

"We are not sending Medicaid dollars out the door until we have confidence that they are being spent lawfully and appropriately," Kennedy said Tuesday.

Kennedy said if the states' Democratic governors, California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, want the money to fund low-income healthcare, "they need to provide documentation that these payments are legitimate."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is deferring over $200 million and over $867 million in federal Medicaid payments for Minnesota and California, respectively.

The hold will be in place as federal officers review "high-risk Medicaid claims" and document deficiencies.

In California, suspicion is focused on in-home services whose costs have risen 24% in the past two fiscal years, compared to 12% for the rest of the country, officials said.

Walz's office told The Post: The "Trump Administration is cutting more money in healthcare than they've prosecuted for fraud."

Newsom also said in an X post that the announcement is a "recycled political stunt." *Ally Goelz*

'Dead' issue: $100M in payouts halted

The Treasury Department has blocked nearly $100 million in taxpayer money from going to dead people since implementing a government-wide payment verification process last year, The Post has learned.

The department's Fiscal Service unit discovered the money set to go to ghosts after a review of an eye-popping 885 million payments worth a total of nearly $2.7 trillion.

Since March 2025, the screening has identified more than 4,900 disbursements, worth approximately $99 million, associated with deceased payees, according to the Treasury.

The payments going to the dead, often indicative of fraud, were returned to the originating federal agencies for review before any funds were disbursed, the department said.

The $99 million figure is a tiny fraction (0.0036%) of the $2.7 trillion the department reviewed as part of the Trump administration's crackdown on waste, fraud and abuse — but more than triple what Treasury found before President Trump returned to office. *Victor Nava*

Lettuce outbreak ‘under control’

WASHINGTON — Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Tuesday his department has the outbreak of explosive-diarrhea-causing parasite cyclosporiasis “under control” — as officials bashed Taylor Farms for earlier claiming federal authorities had “apologized” to the company.

“We have done extensive forensics . . . and have identified the source of the outbreak,” Kennedy said. “We, and the companies that are involved, have implemented a recall.”

Last week, Taylor Farms’ Mexican subsidiary recalled several lettuce products after the Food and Drug Administration linked it to the parasite, but later revealed that a lab test on the product provided a false positive.

However, officials said Monday that other tracking methods confirmed that the company’s lettuce was the source of the outbreak.

A White House official told The Post that Taylor Farms angered regulators with a social media posting Sunday claiming the FDA had offered a “mea culpa.”

Taylor Farms’ posting was later taken down.

“They were never going to get any special favors or a pass here when it’s people’s health and safety that’s on the line, but intentionally distorting government statements — or fabricating made-up apologies by the FDA — is actively pissing us off,” the official said.

“A smart company would act in good faith and work with the government to restore people’s trust and confidence in our food,” the official said. *Ally Goelz and Josh Christenson*

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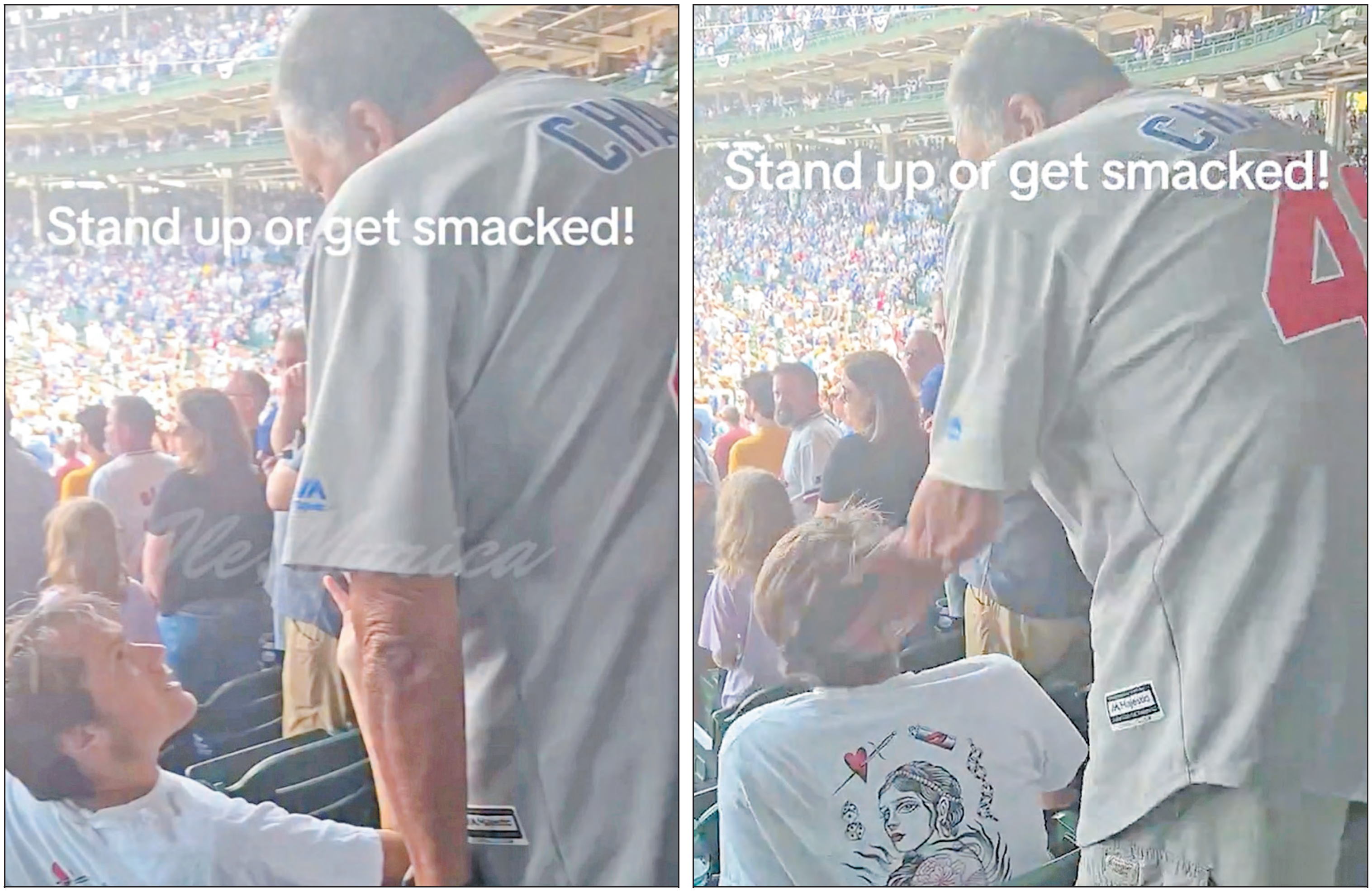
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Stand up or get smacked!

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WRIGLEY FIELD HIT: Vietnam War vet Bob Chavez got upset at a fan who wouldn’t stand for the anthem, but then they talked it out amicably.

Nat’l anthem ‘sit-down’ slap…then beers

By SPENCER BROD

A Chicago Cubs fan at Wrigley Field who slapped a younger man who wouldn’t stand for the national anthem has offered more details on the situation.

Bob Chavez, who hit the young fan in the back of the head, told TMZ he lost his composure in the moment because he’s a Vietnam veteran who saw several friends killed in the war.

Chavez said despite telling of his war stories, the younger man remained seated and added that there’s also important context missing from the initial video, as the two apologized and made amends afterward.

He also said the younger fan then bought him a beer, and they discussed why they felt so strongly about what the national anthem represents.

It’s all good

Though Chavez said security came to kick him out, the younger fan intervened and said all was good between them.

“The national anthem is an important tradition at Chicago Cubs games,” the Cubs told TMZ in a statement. “While we respect the rights of individuals to decide for themselves, we encourage every fan to stand, if they are able, and to remove their caps while the anthem is being played.

“At the same time, the safety and security of our fans is our top priority. Our security team spoke with the fan who had been struck,” the statement continued. “He indicated that the matter had been resolved, he did not want to have anyone ejected from the ballpark or any further action taken, and we respected his wishes.”

In the initial video, recorded during the Cubs’ victory Sunday, Chavez is seen yelling “get up” to the younger fan who was looking up at him during the anthem.

Before smacking him in the head, Chavez leaned down from his seat to whisper something in the young man’s ear.

Eventually, the young man stood up, prompting Chavez to say, “Thank you, thank you so much, young man.”

Tragic ’52 Pan Am plane intact

A search team found the wreckage of a New York City-bound Pan Am flight more than 74 years after it crashed off Puerto Rico, killing 52 people and prompting major changes in preflight safety procedures.

The largely intact remains of the Clipper Endeavor, which went down after taking off from San Juan on Good Friday in 1952, were discovered after a seven-year probe led by the Air/Sea Heritage Foundation, which partnered with the Discovery Channel, per a press release.

“Seeing the bright aluminum fuselage shining back at us from the ocean floor was a hugely emotional moment,” said “Expedition Unknown” show host Josh Gates to NBC’s “Today” show. *Patrick Reilly*

Bus for blind students crashes

An out-of-control bus transporting students from the Maryland School for the Blind smashed into the side of a building in Baltimore on Tuesday, authorities said.

Three students and two adults were on the bus when it careened off the road at around 2:40 p.m. and crashed into a pharmacy in Parkville, police said.

The driver, a student and another man at the scene received minor injuries.

The collision shook the walls of the neighboring business Enchanted Cakes and Treats, according to owner Carrie Shelley, and knocked half the merchandise off the wall.

“Pretty much everybody from all of the buildings came running out,” Shelly told the Baltimore Sun. *David DeTurris*

Wants FIFA pal as next sec-gen

DON U.N. PITCH A GOAL-GETTER

By STEVEN NELSON

AP

“You have [193 states in the UN]. In FIFA, there are over 200 members. Gianni [has shown] he knows how to manage.”

—Paolo Zampolli, US diplomat

WASHINGTON — President Trump wants FIFA President Gianni Infantino to be the next secretary-general of the United Nations, The Post has learned.

Infantino, 56, grew close to Trump through this year’s World Cup, with the Swiss-born soccer administrator bending over backward to charm and include Trump in the North American championship, even giving him FIFA’s inaugural Peace Prize in December.

Trump believes that Infantino “is respected by everyone around the world, and recognizes he has a special ability to bring people together,” a source close to the president told The Post.

The next secretary-general will be elected this year to replace the retiring António Guterres of Portugal, who will step down at the end of December.

To secure the position, Infantino would need to win the endorsement of the 15-member Security Council — where the five permanent members hold vetoes — followed by confirmation by the General Assembly.

It’s unclear if Infantino wants the job and to what extent Trump has discussed the topic with him.

But Trump senses a clear opening among a field that one insider described as seven “lame” candidates.

Similarities in gigs

The best-known contenders include Chile’s socialist former president Michelle Bachelet, who could face US resistance, and Argentina’s Rafael Grossi, the current director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, who could face concerns from the UK over the disputed Falkland Islands.

Trump’s concept would upend the anticipated selection of a candidate from Latin America or the Caribbean — a region last repped by secretary-general Javier Pérez de Cuéllar of Peru between 1982 and 1991.

But multiple sources say that soft geographic rotation would not necessarily block Infantino, and it’s possible he could pick up multiple nominations in addition to Trump’s.

Paolo Zampolli, the Italian-American businessman and diplomat serving as Trump’s US Special Representative for Global Partnerships, told The Post “only President Trump could have such a genius idea.”

Zampolli said Infantino “would do a great job” and is “liked by everybody” — describing him as potentially bringing fresh energy to the massive bureaucracy and using sports to build new bridges and inspire the world’s young and poor populations.

“There is some similarity” between the roles of FIFA president and UN secretary-general, said Zampolli, a personal friend of Infantino’s and a former ambassador to the UN for the small island nation of Dominica.

“At the United Nations, you have to deal with 193 member states. In FIFA, there are over 200 members [and] Gianni’s great record shows he knows how to manage.”

Big pay cut

Zampolli spent time with Infantino at last weekend’s World Cup final but said they did not discuss the concept and was surprised to learn of it from The Post.

Trump has fumed about what he views as the UN’s inactivity in mediating major world conflicts and last year created a new US-led Board of Peace that drew speculation he was setting up a rival organization — as he brokered peace deals, including between Israel and Hamas — though Trump denied it and said he hopes the UN will take a more active role.

Installing Infantino could improve Trump’s relationship with the UN.

However, if the president is successful, it would come with a steep pay cut for Infantino, who earns $6 million a year at FIFA.

The secretary-general’s recently reported compensation amounted to about $418,000.

New child-porn raps vs. Tate brother

Accused rapist Andrew Tate was hit with fresh charges for allegedly possessing child porn, as the controversial influencer and his brother continue to fight their extradition from the US to the UK.

The 39-year-old “manosphere” influencer was hit with 19 new charges relating to “indecent images of a child and extreme pornography” by Britain’s Crown Prosecution Service, the Telegraph reported.

Former professional kickboxer Andrew also faces seven new counts of rape, three counts of sex trafficking and three counts of assault.

His younger brother Tristan, 38, faces one count of sexual assault, two counts of rape and three counts of sex trafficking.

These 38 new charges are related to four accusers spanning a period between July 2010 and August 2017.

The brothers appeared in a federal courtroom in Miami on Monday, where their lawyers said they would fight their extradition.

Both brothers are accused of choking women, sometimes until they passed out, before raping them, according to unsealed documents from Bedfordshire Police in southeast England.

A final decision on extraditing Andrew and Tristan Tate, who hold joint US and British nationalities, will be made by Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Anthony Blair

Vid clue in teen’s 7/4 death

New footage appears to show Nolan Wells partying with his friends on the Fourth of July — and could be the last time he was seen on camera before he was mysteriously found dead two days later, according to TMZ.

A black man who appears to be Wells, 18, can be seen bending over on the back of an anchored boat, possibly to grab a drink, in a short video clip obtained by the outlet that shows holiday revelers on Horn Island off the Mississippi coast.

The man in the video, whose face is not visible, appears to be wearing light-blue swim trunks similar to the ones Wells was wearing.

The person who took the video felt confident enough that it could be Wells that he turned it over to investigators probing the college football player’s death.

The footage was reportedly recorded at 2:23 p.m. on July 4. Wells was last seen on the island at around 3 p.m. talking to a girl.

GPS data from the boat Wells arrived on at the island with his pals shows the vessel left around 4:30 p.m., NBC News reported. Police said Wells’ friends traveled back without him.

“From what we understand, he chose to stay there,” Jackson County Sheriff John Ledbetter previously told ABC News.

Police have said nothing yet points to foul play, and they suspect Wells likely drowned. *Patrick Reilly*

Parents drown in river rescue

Five people, including two sets of parents, died trying to rescue a struggling swimmer in an Ohio river Sunday — leaving multiple young children orphans.

A group of five adults, two children and another individual was fishing on the Scioto River, where one of the adults began struggling in the water, Delaware County Sheriff Jeffrey Balzer said Monday.

Two other adults rushed to help, but when they also began to struggle, two more dived in. None made it out alive. *Zoe Hussain, Wires*

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THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

Vow to avenge

By STEVEN NELSON and
CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Nuke site, more in sights

Pool via CNP / Splash News

WARNING: President Trump meets Tuesday with Lebanese President Joseph Aoun in the Oval Office, where Trump discussed the Iran war.

WASHINGTON — President Trump said Tuesday that Tehran would face much greater destruction if the war continues — warning "they haven't seen anything yet" as he pledged to strike Iran's Pickaxe Mountain.

After the loss of at least three US service members over the weekend, Trump has vowed to avenge their deaths. He's revived his threat of ruinous assaults on Iranian infrastructure, including power plants and bridges.

"If we left today, it would take Iran 20, 25 years to rebuild, OK? And we're not finished at all," Trump said from the Oval Office. "But if we left right now, it would take them a long time — years, years — to rebuild.

"But we're not leaving right now . . . Honestly, they haven't seen anything yet. We've been nice."

'Picking' a fight

He further warned that any effort to restart Iran's nuclear program would be met with military might, referring to reports that Israeli intelligence believes Tehran moved thousands of centrifuges used to enrich uranium to the Pickaxe Mountain underground facility this past fall — adding that US forces will strike Iran's site "pretty soon."

"There's not a thing they can do about it," Trump told reporters while meeting Lebanese President Joseph Aoun. "Normally, I wouldn't say that. If I thought they could do something about it, I would never say that. But we'll be hitting that area pretty soon and very heavily."

Trump marveled at the Iranians' audacity to rebuild their nuclear program following last year's Operation Midnight Hammer.

"They're in this because of nuclear weapons, and they're trying to possibly reconstitute a site," Trump said. "We'll hit that site. Any site where they're even thinking about nuclear, we'll be hitting it very, very powerfully."

He said the location of nuclear material remained the key factor.

"It doesn't mean anything unless they have the material," Trump said. "We follow the material. That's where the action is."

FALLEN HERO: Ozone Park resident Sgt. Angel S. Rampersad, 28, is believed to have been killed by an Iranian strike over the weekend while stationed in Jordan.

Hegseth with hat in hand

War Secretary Pete Hegseth urged senators Tuesday to approve $67 billion in supplemental funding for the Pentagon, calling it an "urgent, necessary injection" that would be used "to address the immediate needs of our department" amid the war in Iran.

"We live in a dangerous world that requires bold and swift action. Hence, this supplemental request," Hegseth told the Senate Appropriations Committee.

As the Iran war rages, the Pentagon is quickly burning through cash and reportedly faces an impending budget shortfall within weeks, adding urgency to the request to Congress.

"This supplemental request serves two purposes," Hegseth explained. "Sustain our military readiness to meet this year's new demand, and accelerate critical capabilities to replace and augment those we have used in contingency."

Ryan King

Regime fiends hang 2 innocents

obtained by NY Post

Iran ruthlessly executed two young men on Sunday — for helping terrified protesters flee the regime's brutal security forces during the widespread demonstrations earlier this year.

Erfan Esfandiari (lower inset), 18, and Gol-Mohammad Mohammadi (upper), a 23-year-old Afghan refugee, were hanged Sunday for sheltering demonstrators from government bullets and offering them refuge inside their homes, Masih Alinejad, an Iranian-American journalist and activist, wrote for the Free Press, citing local reports.

The pair are among the 59 men arrested together during the January protests in Shahid Alikhani Square in Isfahan, during which Iranian officials say four security-force members were killed.

Twelve of the 59, including Esfandiari and Mohammadi, were sentenced to death.

Those dozen were moved into quarantine last week, which likely means the remaining 10 will be executed soon, according to Alinejad.

Patrick Reilly

TRAGEDY HITS HOME

Qns. GI believed killed in action

By VICTOR NAVA

A fourth American soldier believed to have been killed in recent Iranian attacks on US military bases has been identified, the Pentagon announced Tuesday, as American forces bombed Iran for an 11th straight night.

"Sgt. Angel S. Rampersad, 28, of Ozone Park, New York, is believed to have been killed in action on July 17, 2026, during an enemy attack at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, Jordan," read a statement released by the Department of War.

"The incident is under investigation," the statement continued. "US Central Command previously announced this Soldier as missing.

"The Soldier status was updated to a Duty Status–Whereabouts Unknown and is believed to be deceased."

3 other GIs killed

Rampersad was assigned to the Germany-based 1st Battalion, 57th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

Army First Lt. Tyler James Feehan, 25, of Hawaii, and Pfc. Isabella Gonzales, 19, of Texas, were previously identified by the Pentagon as having been killed in the attack on the US base in Jordan.

Another US service member, Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton, of North Carolina, was killed disarming a downed Iranian drone in Iraq on Sunday.

The total number of US service members killed in the Iran war now stands at 18.

City Council Speaker Julie Menin and Queens Councilwoman Joann Ariola released a joint statement on Tuesday night, reacting to the news about Rampersad.

"Tonight, our city mourns the presumed loss of Sgt. Angel Sarah Rampersad, an Ozone Park resident who died this past weekend in Jordan serving her country," they said.

"[Our] thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends as they grieve the loss of their beloved. As this conflict continues in the Middle East, we pray that all our service members remain safe and return home to their families," the statement continued.

The Pentagon announced the presumed death of Rampersad as CENTCOM revealed US forces were once again striking Iran.

Strikes continue

"CENTCOM forces began striking military targets in Iran at 7 p.m. ET today for the 11th consecutive night," the combatant command wrote on X.

US forces "successfully completed" their latest mission just over an hour later, at 8:15 p.m.

"CENTCOM assets targeted Iranian military operations centers, maritime capabilities, aircraft hangars, drone storage facilities, and military logistics infrastructure to further degrade Iran's ability to threaten commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz," Central Command said in a statement

CENTCOM noted Iran has launched "unwarranted attacks" on "more than 30 commercial vessels" transiting the Strait of Hormuz over the last three months.

"Despite Iranian aggression, the Strait of Hormuz remains open for commercial vessel transit," the combatant command said. "Since early May, CENTCOM forces have helped facilitate the transit of approximately 900 commercial vessels and 450 million barrels of crude oil."

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Soldier dies defusing drone

An American soldier killed while destroying a downed Iranian drone in northern Iraq Sunday has been identified, according to the Pentagon.

Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton, 30, of Fayetteville, NC, died as a result of the blast during a controlled detonation at Erbil Air Base. A second service member suffered a minor injury.

Lt. Gen. John L. Rafferty, commanding general of the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command, said Swinton was killed "during an operation to safeguard fellow soldiers.

"His service will not be forgotten, and his sacrifice is not in vain," Rafferty added. "We will support Sgt. Swinton's family and his unit during this difficult period. His loss will inspire his fellow soldiers to continue the mission."

Swinton's wife, Mia Gonzalez-Swinton, announced her husband's death on Facebook Sunday morning.

"I didn't think this would be the last time I ever saw you," she wrote alongside a picture of the fallen hero hugging a little girl (left). "I have no words."

Swinton is one of three US troops confirmed killed over the weekend in Iranian strikes. *Samuel Chamberlain*

Oil tankers U-turn due to Houthis

Two oil tankers in the Red Sea carrying Saudi crude bound for China and India were forced to turn around Tuesday following warnings from the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

The Xin Long Yang and the Rodos, loaded with a combined 2.7 million barrels, made a U-turn and headed to the Suez Canal, maritime data shows, avoiding the Bab el-Mandeb Strait near Yemen.

The incident marks the first oil disruption incident in the critical Red Sea trade route after the Houthi terrorist group declared a naval blockade against Saudi Arabia on Monday. Iran has blocked traffic to and from the Persian Gulf via the Strait of Hormuz.

It's now trying to employ its Houthi proxies to stifle access to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, which connects to the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean.

If tankers from Saudi Arabia must pass through the canal and then the Mediterranean Sea, it would add weeks to the journey to India and China.

War-risk insurance costs have already shot up for Saudi ports since Yemen declared the blockade, industry sources told Reuters. *Ronny Reyes, with Wires*

Israel begins Leb. exit: prez

Speaking alongside Lebanese President Joseph Aoun in the Oval Office on Tuesday, President Trump said Israeli forces are "in the process of withdrawing" from southern Lebanon while touting the US-backed security framework that prompted the move and insisting Lebanon has a chance to finally break free from Hezbollah's grip.

"There's a Hezbollah problem, but we've done some things that I think the world will take notice," Trump said while emphasizing the next phase depends on Lebanon securing territory once controlled by the Iran-backed terrorist group.

Israel will be allowed to keep some forces in southern Lebanon until Hezbollah is fully removed.

The framework aims to remove the group and strengthen the Lebanese military.

Caitlin Doornbos

Mike backs 'tryst' ban

Bid to nix romps for lawmakers & Congress staff

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Mike Johnson endorsed a proposal by GOP Conference Chair Lisa McClain that would restrict lawmakers from having romantic relationships with congressional staffers following a bombshell Post report on Sen. Ruben Gallego's affairs.

"Yeah, I can't believe it would be acceptable in any situation," Johnson (R-La.) told reporters Tuesday. "I think it's inappropriate, as it would be in any workplace, and most companies have that. We should, at a bare minimum in Congress, have rules and traditions that are adhered to in corporate America.

"That's an easy one for me."

McClain (R-Mich.) had called for a "bright-line rule" barring sexual and romantic relationships after The Post revealed last week that Gallego (D-Ariz.), a close friend of disgraced former Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), had dalliances with two House staffers for Texas Democratic lawmakers.

Gallego described the report as "gossip," but did not deny the relationships took place.

Johnson did not say whether the House would pursue instituting a rule change vote this Congress.

At the height of the #MeToo movement in 2018, the House green-lit a rule restricting lawmakers from having relationships with their own staffers.

That rule came in the aftermath of four lawmakers resigning due to alleged misconduct.

But that rule didn't apply to lawmakers having trysts with staffers of other members of Congress.

"Congress should have a bright-line rule that Members should not have romantic or sexual relationships with congressional staff," McClain, the No. 4 House Republican, told The Post last week in the wake of the Gallego revelations. "Even if a relationship is consensual, there is an inherent power imbalance that can undermine trust and create an appearance of impropriety. The goal should be protecting staff and maintaining confidence in the institution.

"My standard is the same regardless of party or personality. Members of Congress should be held to a high ethical standard whether they have an 'R' or a 'D' next to their name."

In April, Swalwell resigned after facing accusations of rape and sexual misconduct.

Former Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas) also stepped down in response to revelations that he had an affair with a former staffer who later lit herself on fire with gasoline and pursued his former campaign political director while married.

Earlier this month, disgraced oyster farmer Graham Platner dropped out of the Maine Senate race in response to rape accusations.

"I'm not in the business of commenting on investigations as they're in process," Johnson said of accused Reps. Max Miller (R-Ohio) and Cory Mills (R-Fla.).

NO NOOKIE: House Speaker Mike Johnson doesn't believe affairs between lawmakers and congressional staffers "would be acceptable in any situation" after The Post's bombshell report on Sen. Ruben Gallego's affairs.

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CAPITOL SWILL

Revealed: Third member of Democrat 'Animal House' had sex with two aides

Buddy Eric Swalwell resigned, other pal Jimmy Gomez had affair, under investigation

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Slap at 'no-show' Dersh

WASHINGTON — The powerful House Oversight Committee is threatening to subpoena Alan Dershowitz — once a criminal-defense lawyer for sex fiend Jeffrey Epstein — after the attorney abruptly canceled an upcoming interview.

Oversight Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) seethed in a Tuesday letter to Dershowitz that he was attempting to "hide from this Committee's investigation" into the powerful late pedophile, including of his potential government connections — despite having said he had "nothing to hide" and that he could share relevant details at the scheduled July 20 sit-down.

"The Committee will not tolerate any further delay," Comer fumed.

Dershowitz told The Post he just "couldn't go" to his scheduled interview — for good reason.

"There was a legal development that occurred that precluded me from testifying," he said.

"We're trying to eliminate that barrier now," Dershowitz said. "It's out of my hands. It's completely out of my control."

Josh Christenson

Grill over Smithsonian sex

WASHINGTON — House Republicans grilled Tuesday the leader of a Smithsonian-connected museum on Capitol Hill by displaying photos of its "overtly sexual" exhibits and reciting other approved content that described "politeness" and "objectivity" as being white supremacist in nature.

"Gender and sexuality are highlighted by your museum," Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.) told National Museum of American History Director Dr. Anthea Hartig, showing photos from exhibits.

"Do you think these exhibits behind me are appropriate for children?" he asked.

"So I recognize some of the, um, the images from Entertainment Nation, and I think from some other sources, but let me, I think, tell you what I think is most important —" began Hartig.

Burchett butted in: "Ma'am, ma'am, I mean, you have pictures of bondage. You have some overtly sexual things up there. You have transgendered folks, I assume that's what they are."

"In another exhibit, a 6-year-old girl asks why she doesn't have male genitalia," he continued. "Do you really think that content is appropriate for children? I mean, do you think little, little girls have penises? Let's get to the basics of this. Do you think that's appropriate?"

The Smithsonian museum director described the photos as having come from a "temporary exhibit" that later closed.

Josh Christenson

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Paige wraps us around her pink-y

Reality-TV star and podcaster Paige DeSorbo, 33, heats up the summer in this pale pink, sheer "Leora Gown" from Revolve Los Angeles. The maxi is made of lightweight chiffon crepe, and features a plunging asymmetrical front cutout that splits the bodice down to the waist.

Florida slay search

A "dangerous" woman who uses several aliases is being hunted for the murder of a dad found zip-tied in a shallow grave a month after he went missing, according to police.

Isabelle Rose Johnson, 38, has "been actively evading law enforcement" while wanted for the slaying of Jason Coulthart, a 43-year-old father whose remains were found on a property in Freeport on Florida's panhandle on June 25, according to the Walton County Sheriff's Office.

Coulthart was reported missing on May 24 — then found with a zip tie around his neck buried in a shallow grave, which was covered in concrete with a black Cadillac parked over it, according to an arrest report obtained by People magazine.

"Johnson is known to move around a lot and often gets people to help her by playing on their sympathy," the sheriff's office said.

Coulthart is the father of a 20-year-old son and grew up in New Jersey. His connection to Johnson was not immediately clear. *Patrick Reilly*

AMERICAN IDLE IS GROWING

105.8M not working

By ANTHONY BLAIR

The number of adults who are "not in the labor force" surged in June to an all-time high of 105.8 million, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The record comes after a surge of 832,000 workers dropping out of the labor force in June. The overall number of NILFs is higher than at the height of the Great Recession or the COVID pandemic.

NILFs are people aged 16 and up who are unemployed, but not seeking work for any reason. They include: retirees, students, at-home parents/caregivers, the disabled/ill and discouraged workers.

Leading labor economist Nicholas Eberstadt told The Post that drilling down into the data reveals a pattern of dropouts, particularly among men.

"We've got a big problem . . . with the flight from work of prime-age men," said Eberstadt, who holds the Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy at the American Enterprise Institute.

Who are they?

About 5% of NILFs have dropped out because they are discouraged at finding a job. Up to 22% are on long-term illness, disability or other benefits. Between 16% and 18% are full-time students. Retirees are about 50%, largely due to Baby Boomers reaching their golden years.

Eberstadt points out that other societies are becoming older, but aren't seeing the same patterns of dropouts.

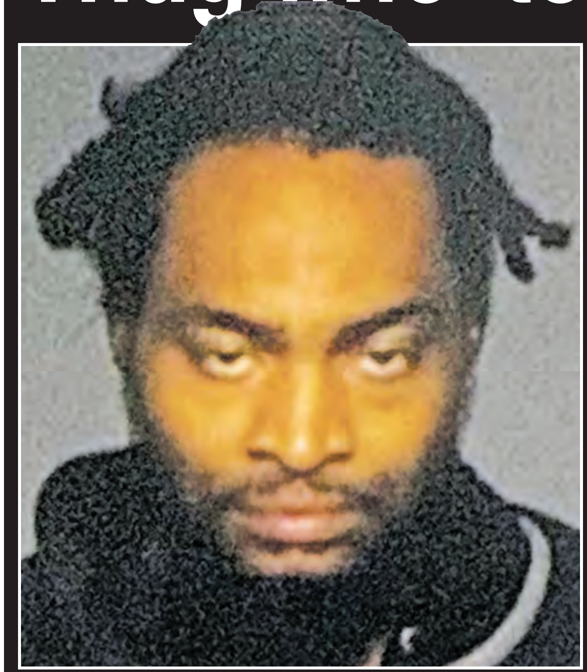
"If you look at what's going on in Europe and Japan, which are both aging, shrinking societies, their workforce participation rates are going up now. So it's not as if it's impossible for aging, shrinking societies to mobilize more or involve more in the workforce," he said.

He puts America's growing NILF population down to a sprawling, disconnected archipelago of disability programs, which he argues offer many "blind spots" allowing people to fall through the cracks.

"There's no office in Washington, DC, big as it is, that can tell you how many Americans are receiving benefits from which disability programs and how many in collectivity and how many are receiving from multiple disability programs."

Thug who ‘tossed’ senior busted

FIENDISH SUBWAY ‘PUSHER’ ON PAROLE



Robert Miller

CAUGHT: Zaki Smith (above) was on parole for assault Saturday when he allegedly threw a woman onto the subway tracks at 57th Street and Seventh Avenue.

By JOE MARINO
and AMANDA WOODS

A violent criminal on parole was charged with attempted murder for allegedly tossing an elderly woman onto Midtown subway tracks in a terrifying weekend attack, cops and sources said.

Zaki Smith, 36, was picked up by eagle-eyed cops during the Monday evening rush and charged in connection with the 11:30 a.m. Saturday attack at the 57th Street and Seventh Avenue station that left the 70-year-old victim with a head wound, police said.

Smith, who has 14 previous arrests, was also charged with felony and misdemeanor assault for the shove, authorities said.

Commuters who witnessed the attack heroically jumped onto the tracks and pulled the senior back onto the platform.

She was taken to Weill Cornell Medical Center in stable condition, where she was treated for the head injury, police said.

Smith was still on parole for a 2021 felony assault conviction that he did state prison time for when he allegedly attacked the elderly victim, police said.

He was convicted and sentenced to prison on the assault in Manhattan, doing time behind bars from November 2021 until May 2025, when he was released from the Sing Sing Correctional Facility on parole, state officials said.

Robbery rap

His post-release supervision was set to expire in 2030, according to the records.

He was still on parole when he was picked up on a burglary charge June 16 for allegedly stealing a can of Lysol and some cleaning rags from the Flatiron Building, police and law-enforcement sources said.

But he was released the next day because the charge is not bail eligible under New York’s soft-on-crime laws.

Smith failed to show up to court for that case and had a bench warrant issued for his arrest — still pending when he allegedly shoved the 70-year-old victim.

A rep for the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision said a new warrant for Smith was issued Monday for violating his parole after the latest arrest.

His rap sheet also includes a May 2025 robbery of an MTA worker, in which he was also found in possession of FDNY work phones, the sources said.

Smith unleashed an unhinged, potty-mouthed rant while waiting to face a judge at Manhattan Criminal Court on Tuesday evening.

“Don’t touch me,” Zaki Smith, 36, barked at a court officer.

“Get shot at, bro. I don’t give a f--k what you’ll do, I’ll run my mouth. The cuffs are on, I’ll break them. I’ll do it right here. You’re not about to shoot me with the f--king gun,” he continued.

He was escorted out of the courtroom and later taken to the hospital, delaying his court appearance.

Granny on ballot sparks Tish probe

A Long Island town was slapped with subpoenas for possible election fraud after an 83-year-old granny said she had “no idea” she was an official candidate despite appearing on the ballot.

State Attorney General Letitia James subpoenaed the Town of Huntington for records from its 2025 elections, according to Christine Geed, Huntington’s director of communications.

The town “is fully cooperating,” Geed said.

The probe comes months after the bizarre aftermath of the town supervisor election, when granny Maria Delgado drew more than 1,100 votes on the liberal Working Families Party line — enough to propel the GOP candidate to victory and spark accusations from Democrats that the 83-year-old was planted by Republicans to pull votes from their candidate.

James, a Democrat, first stepped in eight months ago after Republican incumbent Ed Smyth beat Democratic challenger Cooper Macco by just 418 votes, according to final tallies by the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Delgado first claimed she didn’t know she was on the ballot, but later an acquaintance told the media “she ran.” Delgado then avoided further comments.

Working Families Party leaders had claimed Delgado had taken over their line in a primary against the Democrat with support from a group of Republicans who had switched registration to tip the scales. *Brandon Cruz*

LI pol’s ♥ stopping comeback

Brookhaven Deputy Supervisor Neil Foley is thankful to be alive — and even more grateful to the staff at South Shore University Hospital on Long Island for bringing him back from the dead when his cardiovascular system gave out in March.

“I watched him die in front of us,” emergency-room Dr. Alyssa Lorenzana told The Post. “That is something I’ll never forget.”

Foley, 58, took a day last week to personally thank everybody involved in his miraculous recovery as part of Northwell’s Thank a Lifesaver Program.

“Because of the professionalism here and the amazing work these men and women do in healthcare, I’m here,” he said. “I can’t thank them enough.”

Days before his life-threatening incident — when he coded three times and had to be shocked back from death’s grip three times — Foley played golf with pals in Florida. He then went to Albany for work meetings. When he felt chest pains he went to an upstate hospital but told doctors, “I feel fine” and checked out against medical advice.

Despite being told he should see a cardiologist, he moved slowly — until he was rushed to the Northwell facility in Bay Shore with a heart attack.

Staffers had to shock Foley on three occasions to bring him back from death’s grip, said interventional cardiologist Luis Gruberg.

Foley was given three stents and discharged three days later like a new man. *Alex Mitchell*

Grandkids die in boat tragedy

Two young kids’ Sunday outing with their grandparents at the Jersey Shore ended in tragedy when the family’s boat crashed into a channel marker and sent the children flying into the water, killing them.

The tragic 9-year-old girl and her 7-year-old brother were with their grandpa Stephen Schneider, 63, and grandmother Laurie Schneider, 64, both of Bayville in Berkeley Township, on a 30-foot Tidewater Custom 280 when the craft crashed into the structure around 9 p.m. in Barnegat Bay in the Intercoastal Waterway, WTXF-TV reported.

Both youngsters were thrown into the water and died.

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Racial rift vs. Mam machine

LP Media

THE explosive charge by a black politician that Mayor Mamdani and his socialist army are guilty of "white supremacy" reveals another front in the war for New York launched by the radical left.

"White supremacy comes in all forms," Queens Borough President Donovan Richards posted on social media. He also referenced a well-known quote from the late Malcolm X about "dangerous white liberals."

At heart, the issue boils down to political power, who has it and competing visions for how it should be used.

A major flashpoint is that Richards is a career pol who has consistently advocated for expanded black and Latino ownership of private homes as a means of creating intergenerational wealth.

That's totally at odds with the views of Mamdani's agenda, and especially his top housing aide, Cea Weaver, who has made comments about housing that are beyond bizarre.

She once celebrated the government's "sacred right to seize private property," called homeownership "racist" and said it is "a weapon of white supremacy masquerading as 'wealth building' public policy."

Dems under attack

In one of his many warnings about the excesses of the Mamdani machine that drove him from City Hall, former Mayor Eric Adams weighed in on the topic.

He correctly noted on X that "Homeownership is how immigrants, Black, Brown, and working-class New Yorkers built stability and generational wealth despite every obstacle. You have to be completely out of your f***ing mind to call that 'white supremacy.' "

The spark for Richards' latest comments is a growing resentment among the black political establishment that it is losing its hold on power and influence to the DSA, which, a 2021 survey found, is 85% white.

The group used its superior organizational skills, mostly in gentrifying neighborhoods, to turn out their voters and successfully knock off a slew of congressional and Albany Dems in last month's primaries. The coup alarmed the entire party, but black and Latino officials especially see themselves as under attack.

(Republicans are such an insignificant factor in the city's political landscape that nobody blames them!)

State Attorney General Letitia James, although she had supported Mamdani's election last year, pounced on the primary results to accuse him and the radicals he supported of being ignorant of the racial and social history of the neighborhoods they would be representing.

"Some of the candidates he has supported do not understand the politics of New York City, the cultural differences from district to district, have not been part of the history and the struggle of some of these districts, and are relatively new to the body politic," James said on CNN about the primary results.

By then, housing ownership was already a racial flash point under Mamdani.

'Unfair system'

It first arose in February, when he threatened to raise all city property taxes by nearly 10% if Albany did not hike income taxes on wealthy New Yorkers and big corporations.

The outcry was especially sharp in Cambria Heights, a suburban-like neighborhood in southeastern Queens near the Long Island border that is home to numerous black and other nonwhite families. Many own their homes and some also own rental units.

Richards called the proposed tax plan a "nonstarter" and said at the time that he told the mayor as much.

"Under no circumstance should we consider balancing our budget on the backs of working-class New Yorkers, especially seniors on fixed incomes and workers who keep our city running," he said in an interview.

A black homeowner named James Johnson, who attended a Cambria Heights protest aimed at Mamdani, was quoted in The Post as saying: "You screamed affordability. You ran on it. You said affordability, affordability, affordability . . . And the first thing, not even three months into your administration, into your term. You wanna hit us with a 9.5% property tax increase? Not happening."

Another resident, Darryl Smith, added, "You keep raising the taxes, you're gonna run us out of here. Where are we gonna go?"

The sentiment was widely shared in white liberal political circles as well, with Council Speaker Julie Menin rejecting the mayor's property tax threat. Signaling that it would be dead on arrival, Menin said, "We cannot be raising property taxes 9.5% on the backs of small property owners, small business owners, black and brown communities throughout our city."

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso agreed: "This would only make an unfair system worse and hit black and brown communities hardest."

Gov. Hochul, fearing she would be blamed for any tax hikes in an election year, satisfied Mamdani's need for quick cash by shipping him billions in state money.

Power play

A key aspect of the racial heat is timing. The surge of mostly white socialists comes as black politicians have reached the height of their political power in the city and state.

Adams, the city's second black mayor, was forced out after a single term by Mamdani's followers.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the state Assembly and Senate, Carl Heastie and Andrea Stewart-Cousins, respectively, are black. Hochul's running mate this year is Adrienne Adams, a former speaker of the City Council and the first black woman to hold the post.

Other top black officials include Attorney General James and the city's public advocate, Jumaane Williams.

An additional front in the rising racial antagonism is that DSA members have been sharply critical of Hakeem Jeffries, the Brooklyn pol who, as House minority leader, is the first nonwhite official to hold the top leadership spot of either party in either chamber.

As if to rub salt in black wounds, many socialist newcomers are calling for him to step down, and threatening to remove him if he won't go voluntarily.

IT'S A TEHRAN DEATH TRAP

A troubling report in The Washington Post paints a bleak picture of President Trump's options in Iran. It finds, "Analysts at American spy agencies have concluded that Tehran and Washington are, for now, stuck in an indefinite limbo between peace and war."

The newspaper says the report was written primarily by the CIA, whose analysts "underscored the Tehran regime's staying power despite the loss of many of its top leaders and much of its military hardware to U.S. and Israeli attacks."

The finding reflects what has surprised me most about the war. The regime's willingness to accept so much pain and destruction defies logic — and Western assumptions.

The only explanation that makes a whit of sense is widespread in Israel: that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) is a Shia Islamist cult of martyrdom. Controlled by psychopaths, it tortures and kills resisters and aims to impose its fanatical will on the region, and then the world, no matter the cost.

Only death will stop them.

MAO'ING DOWN

Zoh is all bark, no cuffs for Bibi

Mayor Mamdani backed down in his efforts to arrest Benjamin Netanyahu in New York City, admitting in a video statement Tuesday night that he doesn't have the legal authority — while slamming the Israeli prime minister as a not welcome "war criminal."

The pro-Palestinian pol said despite his administration reviewing "every avenue available" to take Netanyahu into custody, they don't have the authority, in a video posted to X.

"It's clear we do not have the independent legal authority to enforce this warrant," a frustrated Mamdani said, referencing an International Criminal Court order for Netanyahu's arrest over alleged war crimes in Gaza.

The US, however does not recognize the ICC.

The backpedaling comes one day after President Trump blasted the democratic socialist's plan to cuff Netanyahu in a post to Truth Social Monday.

"Benjamin Netanyahu will not be arrested, in any way, shape, or form, while in the United States of America," Trump said in the post, which didn't name Mamdani.

Netanyahu is scheduled to visit Manhattan in September to attend the UN General Assembly.

Mamdani had campaigned for months on taking the Israeli leader into custody, saying he'd lock Netanyahu up if he ever set foot in the Big Apple. *David DeTurris*

TENT REBOOT: A camp at 44th Street and 11th Avenue is one of many that have popped up amid changes to the city's lax policies on removing the eyesores.

Luiz C. Ribeiro for NY Post

West Side game of sweep & repeat

By KEVIN SHEEHAN
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

Stubborn vagrants are refusing to abandon their filthy encampments along Manhattan's West Side, in some cases setting up new shelters a block away after city workers push them out, locals said Tuesday.

After weeks of gripes from locals, City Hall finally began dismantling some of the makeshift shelters that turned part of the Big Apple into skid row — but it's not fixing the problem, The Post has learned.

"The cops came and moved them yesterday and they just moved right back," a frustrated construction worker on 36th Street said. "They cleaned up the north side of the street, you know, cops, sanitation, everything, and these guys were right back here the next morning when we came.

"They've been testing us," the worker said. "This guy will go grab something and you're like, 'Hey! Where you going with that?' They'll just look at you and start taking a step toward you to see if you're gonna fight them for whatever they're taking. They're not harmless."

'Third-world'

The unsightly shantytown ran more than a dozen blocks, roughly between the floating Intrepid Museum and the Jacob Javits Center, with a string of littered encampments that included drug and sex peddlers.

The Post first reported on the situation nearly two weeks ago, but City Hall has been largely mum.

Mayor Mamdani's hands-off approach to the homeless crisis handcuffed cops, barring them from taking down homeless encampments in a new policy that first deploys homeless-services and outreach workers to speak to the vagrants and offer placements and services.

New York's Finest are allowed to intervene only seven days after the first outreach.

That deadline came Monday, when sanitation crews and cops began cleaning up some of the sites and taking down some of the shelters and tents — which did little to change things.

One shelter at 46th Street was taken down, only to have the sidewalk squatters move one block north and set up shop again. Another encampment at 34th Street was also taken apart.

That vagrant was shacking up with others on 36th Street on Tuesday — who were wreaking havoc at the local construction site by blocking truck deliveries and taking over Bella Abzug Park.

"There's like 10 guys f--king in the ladies' room at like 8 a.m.," the construction worker said. "It is crazy what's going on in that bathroom. Some third-world s--t."

Dems blind to party coup

KAROL MARKOWICZ

COMMUNISTS are taking over the Democratic Party, openly and swiftly — and the Democrats are letting it happen.

The Democratic Socialists of America's newly posted platform starts with the idea of taking a day off.

Who could oppose a vacation day? Only capitalist monsters!

But it quickly pivots, turning the idea of a paid vacation day into a means of displacing capitalism — the most successful system ever devised for lifting people out of poverty — in favor of communism, which has failed every time it's been tried.

"Imagine taking a day off from work in a future without capitalism," the party writes.

And don't worry about paying your bills, the DSA assures their gullible followers, because — you won't have bills anymore!

Everything is paid for, your health insurance, housing, transportation, energy, retirement. All of it.

'Abolish the Senate'

But why stop at bills?

Why not free Coachella for everyone?

Why not free (all-inclusive, obviously) vacations?

Who's giving us a skincare and makeup budget at Sephora?

What kind of human rights are these!

The fact is the DSA has veered

CAPITALISM

RED-Y OR NOT: Democratic Socialists of America A-listers, Mayor Mamdani and Darializa Avila Chevalier, are steering the party past socialism and have gone straight for communism, Karol Markowicz writes.

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Leftists often herald Sweden as an example of the policies they want, but Sweden is a capitalist society; Swedes have bills.

It's North Koreans who have subsidized rent and utilities.

They also have to eat grass and tree bark when the state fails to provide.

We have to call this madness for what it is.

A week ago, DSA co-chair Ashik Siddique openly declared, "Let's start with abolishing the Senate."

"We do believe that government should be proportional to the population," he said. "We just don't see the point of the Senate."

Siddique didn't say this during a rousing speech in the heat of the moment; he said it dryly on CSPAN's "Washington Journal."

In fact, the DSA's latest platform shows its members don't think there's a "point" to much of the American system at all.

It's not just the Senate; they want to get rid of the Electoral College and the Supreme Court, too — and, of course, American capitalism writ large.

DSA thought leaders include Hasan Piker, who on Saturday dressed up like Chairman Mao to deliver a speech to the 2026 Convention of College Democrats.

It isn't subtle.

It's not just the aesthetics they love, either.

"Mao Zedong is one of the great leaders of this world, a man who changed this entire universe," Piker said on a stream last year.

Yes: changed it for the worse.

Mao Zedong murdered more people than Hitler and ushered in an era of misery and poverty from which China has yet to recover.

Yet every 2028 Democrat will undoubtedly be clamoring to appear on Piker's livestream.

Where's the line?

Fight back, Dems

Dems have been far too weak in the face of this communist threat within their ranks. No, they're just riding the wave, foolishly hoping the shark won't eat them.

These kids have enthusiasm that's badly lacking in the party, and Democrats are hoping to harness that hype to boost their own election prospects.

Even though the DSA platform proclaims "both [parties] are funded by the same criminal class of billionaires and war profiteers."

Even though Piker last week openly talked about pushing out Democrats who won't toe his communist line.

Someone has to be first up against the wall when their revolution comes — and it's going to be the same Democrats who are refusing now to fight back.

It's way past the time for Democrats to say: These are bad ideas that have harmed millions of people, and we won't stand for them in our party.

The rest of us can't wait around and watch them try communism just one more time because the Democrats are scared to come off as uncool.

These people need to be pushed back, hard — and if Democrats can't do it, the rest of us must.

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Menin hits Mam on UES outbreak

City Council Speaker Julie Menin unveiled a bill Tuesday to curb the deadly Legionnaires' disease outbreak on the Upper East Side — slamming Mayor Mamdani for dropping the ball.

The new measure calls for a COVD-like public education campaign, stepped up inspections of buildings that have not conducted cooling-tower inspections, and a Legionnaires' hotline to keep New Yorkers informed of the latest news and concerns.

Five people have died since the outbreak was first reported on July 2, with dozens more confirmed to be infected.

"We have so many questions that still remain unanswered," Menin said. "The past few weeks have been a very tense and difficult time for the East Side of Manhattan. We know that at least 76 people have been infected in the latest outbreak of Legionnaires' and that seven of our neighbors remain hospitalized.

"The concern is that the Health Department opted not to proactively disinfect, to wait for test results to come back, particularly around the epicenter, where there were a lot of positive cases."

Menin said an understaffed Health Department has fallen behind on testing Big Apple cooling towers used for air-conditioning systems in large-scale buildings — where outbreaks of the Legionella bacteria, which thrives in warm water, typically occur in the summer months.

More than 25% of buildings are not in compliance, Menin said.

"As the number of cases have increased, so have the number of concerns," she said. "I've heard from so many constituents who lacked essential information on disease risk, on exposure, on prevention."

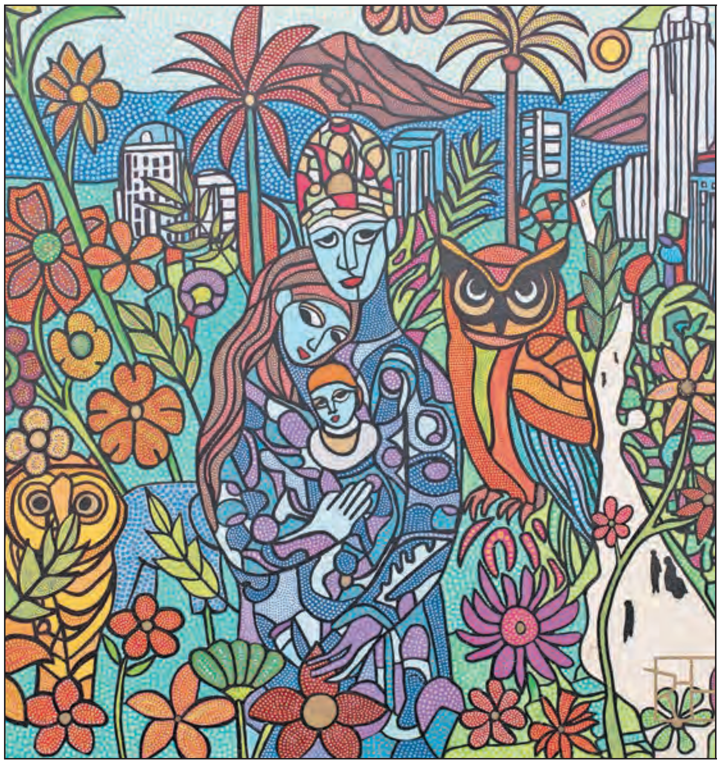
The outbreak came after more than 250 cooling towers around the Big Apple were cited for issues relating to Legionella testing since last year.

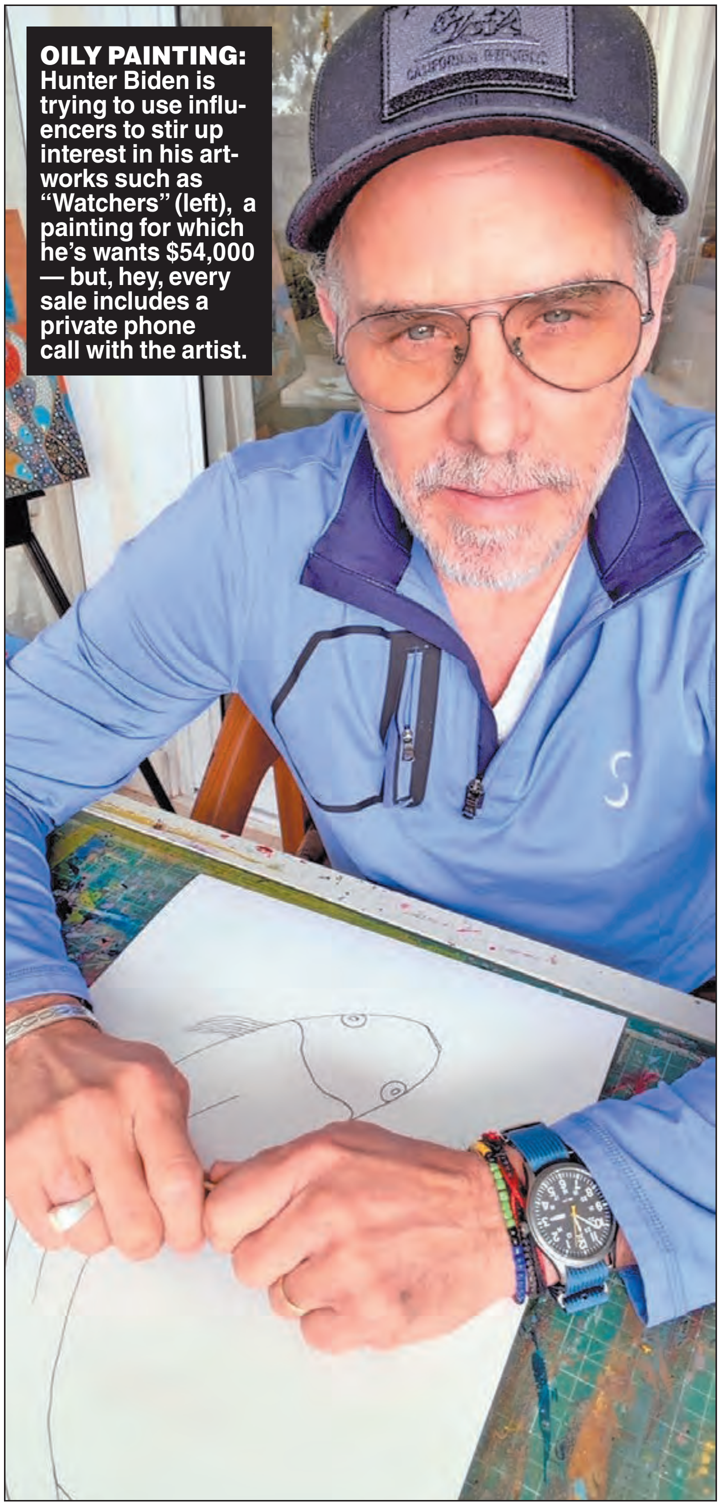
Haley Brown
and Craig McCarthy

Peddling art on right-wing social media

Hunter's latest hustle

By ISABEL VINCENT





OILY PAINTING: Hunter Biden is trying to use influencers to stir up interest in his artworks such as "Watchers" (left), a painting for which he's wants $54,000 — but, hey, every sale includes a private phone call with the artist.

Instagram/Hunter Biden

Hunter Biden is on a media blitz campaign, using far-right influencers with millions of social-media followers to promote his brand and hawk his new collection of art work — which is going for eye-popping sums, sources told The Post.

According to the operations manager of the "Hunter Biden Studio," Hunter is selling a 36-by-36-inch canvas, "Watchers," for $54,000 — "and every sale includes a private video call with Hunter, in which he speaks personally about the painting."

And sources say he has recently appeared on the podcasts of extremists like Nick Fuentes and Candace Owens not as some great defender of liberal values — but to prop up his stalled art career.

"Hunter doing the podcaster thing is all about getting notoriety and part of that media strategy is promoting his art," said a source who is close to the Biden family. "He is going where there is controversy. He knows that if he pitches podcasters on the left, no one would care what he has to say. He's completely pissed off the left."

Instagram campaign

Since launching his media campaign in May, the scandal-scarred former first son has already accumulated 335,000 followers on Instagram, where he describes himself as an artist, author and "recovery advocate."

He also uses the social-media platform to tease his near-daily musings on Substack, where last week he said he had to go into hiding after The Post's exclusive reporting on his abandoned laptop, which broke a few weeks before the 2020 presidential election.

"What began as a tabloid exclusive hardened into a political artifact," Biden writes, adding that he went underground after father Joe Biden won the election. "That transformation is the part that matters most to understand now. It changed daily life in small ways first. I stopped going into the grocery store. Melissa [his second wife] would go in alone while I stayed in the car with [son] Beau."

Now, Biden claims he's not holding back, blasting President Trump and others on social media. He recently sat down with Fuentes in a Philadelphia hotel room for an interview that nearly resulted in a physical altercation, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The interview was brokered by YouTube personality Andrew Callaghan, and is reportedly scheduled to air later this month.

One of Biden's associates speculated that the former first son might be leveraging his newfound celebrity for a political run. "I think he has always had that at the back of his mind," the associate told The Post.

But for now he is trying to hawk his art, which he says is therapeutic and has helped him recover from drug addiction. Biden is no longer represented by a gallery and is selling his own work from an eponymous website.

"Everyone who calls me still wants to buy pieces from his father's era in government because they see it not just as works of art but as historical documents," said Georges Bergès, the Soho gallerist who represented Biden in the past.

Whereabouts shady

Biden, who is executive director of the Peak Path Health Foundation, a nonprofit that runs a luxury rehab facility in Los Angeles, appears to be working from a studio in California.

Although a Malibu rental he was using remained untouched after the California wildfires last year, Biden has been living between South Africa and Santa Ynez, Calif., where Joe Kiani, one of his father's major donors owns a sprawling ranch. The Biden family spent Thanksgiving at the ranch, according to social-media posts. "At this point they invite themselves over to the Kianis whenever they feel like it," said the source.

Last week, a federal judge in California awarded Biden $1.7 million in punitive damages in a defamation lawsuit against Trump donor and former Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne over comments made in 2023. Byrne accused Biden of reaching out to the Iranian government in 2021 with an offer to have his father "unfreeze" $8 billion in funds in exchange for a bribe.

Biden was pardoned by his father in 2024 on the eve of his sentencing on federal gun and tax-evasion convictions — a shocking reversal of the former president's own statements about making sure his son faced the full extent of the law.

PETER DASZAK
Not stopped at JFK.

FBI let shady COV doc slide

The FBI instructed US Customs and Border Protection to "not stop" the president of Manhattan nonprofit EcoHealth Alliance — which was later accused of creating the "blueprint" for COVID-19 — upon his return to the US from China in February 2021, according to explosive emails released Monday.

The messages, published by Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rand Paul (R-Ky.), show that CBP saw Dr. Peter Daszak as "an extremely high person of interest" due to his 15 years of collaborative research with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

"Daszak was responsible for funding WIV with [National Institutes of Health] grant money for research," stated a Jan. 11, 2021 email from an unidentified CBP agricultural specialist.

But when Daszak was arriving at JFK on Feb. 5, CBP was told "FBI New York requested we do not stop the subject." *Josh Christenson*

Unresponsive tot in LI pool

A toddler is in critical condition after she was discovered unresponsive in her family's pool on Long Island, according to authorities.

The 2-year-old girl was discovered at her home on Mill Drive in Mastic Beach around 4:50 p.m. on Monday, according to the Suffolk County Police Department.

The tot was taken to NYU Langone Hospital — Suffolk in Patchogue in critical condition and later transported to Stony Brook University Hospital, authorities added.

Zoe Hussain

TRENDY 'POISON' IV

MOLE'COOL': Kendall Jenner gets an IV drip on "The Kardashians," as she and other celebrities have promoted NAD+, which tragic patient Elizabeth Baron (right) was seeking from Luis Rojas Cabrera (inset below).

Facebook

Celeb fave NAD eyed in death

By JENNIFER BAIN, STEVEN VAGO and MATT TROUTMAN

A dodgy doctor allegedly injected a Bronx woman before she died with a trendy supposed anti-aging molecule boosted by wellness-chasing celebrities such as Hailey Bieber and Kendall Jenner, prosecutors revealed.

Elizabeth Baron, 27, immediately went into cardiac arrest Sunday after alleged quack Luis Rojas Cabrera, 55, hooked her up to an IV administering NAD+ — despite not being licensed to practice medicine in New York or the US, according to court documents and prosecutors.

"Administering NAD+ via an IV requires a prescription from a medical professional," said Assistant District Attorney Ethan Reisbaum during Rojas Cabrera's arraignment late Monday on reckless endangerment and unauthorized practice of a profession charges.

An unconscious Baron was rushed to a hospital after the injection, where doctors pronounced her dead, according to a GoFundMe organized to help her family pay for funeral expenses.

"Elizabeth was a beautiful daughter, sister, and friend whose kindness, warmth, and vibrant spirit touched so many lives," the fundraiser states.

"Her passing has left an unimaginable void in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her."

The exact cause of Baron's death remained unclear as an autopsy by the city's medical examiner was pending, but the tragic incident shined a harsh light on NAD+ — a molecule increasingly hyped in woo-woo health circles as a miracle but viewed skeptically by many experts.

Bieber, a 29-year-old model seemingly in no need of "Fountain of Youth" treatments, rhapsodized over it during a 2022 episode of "The Kardashians."

She received IV drips filled with the coenzyme alongside Jenner, 30.

"I'm going to NAD for the rest of my life and I'm never going to age," she gushed.

Podcaster Joe Rogan, who often raves about unproven and suspect health trends, has likewise claimed NAD+ benefits the immune system and cognition.

"You just feel fantastic. You feel really good," he said in a 2024 episode of his podcast.

The buzz fueled an explosion of NAD+ offerings at wellness clinics.

But many experts say the claims are overblown, often nonsensical and require more research.

The molecule — nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide — is a coenzyme naturally found in cells, depletion of which many researchers have linked to aging.

Michael Sagner, a clinical adviser at King's College in the UK, told The Guardian that there was little evidence that NAD+ infused into the bloodstream — such as through an IV — enters cells.

'Completely idiotic'

"That's why it's completely idiotic from a biochemistry point of view to inject yourself with NAD itself," he told the outlet.

Rojas Cabrera ran Bereshit Lifestyle Center, a Riverdale wellness center that offers "natural medicine" and therapies.

He told authorities he was licensed to practice medicine in the Dominican Republic and as a physician assistant in Puerto Rico, court documents state.

"I am not a licensed doctor in New York," he allegedly admitted, according to the documents. "My application is pending. I only have an esthetician license."

After Baron went into cardiac arrest, Rojas Cabrera allegedly told a police officer, "I made a very big mistake. I need to call my family because I have a feeling I will not be home for a while," the court documents state.

Rojas Cabrera was released because the charges against him aren't bail eligible, but prosecutors did successfully request that he surrender his passport within 48 hours to make sure he returns to court.

ADA Reisbaum said prosecutors were waiting on autopsy results before deciding whether to charge Rojas Cabrera in Baron's death.

The alleged phony physician is no stranger to criminal trouble. He was twice arrested in a four-day span at Newark Airport during November, prosecutors and sources said.

The first arrest unfolded after Rojas Cabrera arrived from the Dominican Republic with a metal baton, prosecutors said. After going back to the Dominican Republic, he returned and was busted for allegedly carrying nearly 200 vials of prescription medications, according to sources. The status of those cases wasn't clear.

Party mayor courts female vote

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HE may not be the mayor any more, but he still gets the party perks of New York City's high office.

Playboy politico **Eric Adams** was flocked by women, including his blond protégée **Alisa Roever**, at a Sports Illustrated party at Cipriani Wall Street on Saturday night. And we hear he even left with a few numbers.

In video footage of the evening obtained by Page Six, Adams appeared chummy with a few ladies vying for his attention on the ballroom floor.

"I don't think he knew people could see him in action. His table was right by the stage," said a spy.

50 Cent and **Diplo** performed at the bash, which celebrated the conclusion of the World Cup ahead of Sunday's final match.

The spy added that they saw him exchange numbers with two brunettes, which is not unusual for the former party mayor.

(Even Page Six has witnessed Adams swapping numbers with model-types at galas.)

His spokesperson, however, insists it's all friendly.

"Eric Adams didn't earn the nickname 'the Nightlife Mayor' by sitting home on Saturday nights," they quipped.

They further said, "Eric arrived on his own, greeted people, met new faces and, like he's done for more than 40 years, exchanged phone numbers. That's called networking."

Adams is in a long-term relationship with retired Department of Education adviser **Tracey Collins**.

We hear jet-setting Adams, who was bizarrely granted Albanian citizenship earlier this year, has some non-party tricks up his sleeve that he will soon announce.

In the meantime, his rep, for some reason, wanted to assure us that "there was absolutely nothing improper" about his evening at Cipriani. "Eric Adams has always enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life, and Saturday night was no different," he said.

Artificial demand

COMING to an auction block near you: one used "World's Best Boss" mug. It seems "executive memorabilia" is the next big thing in collectibles. One of AI chipmaker Nvidia boss **Jensen Huang**'s trademark black leather jackets just sold at Sotheby's for a jaw-dropping $960,000 — between 16 and 24 times the estimate — after sparking a 65-bid frenzy among 45 bidders. Huang has been sporting the rock-star staple for nearly 20 years. Proceeds from the sale benefited the Edge Institute, which creates "pop-up villages" for entrepreneurs to work in. Collectibles expert **DJ Skee** says the sale signals a booming market for culturally significant executive artifacts, comparing them to fine art.

No cake for you!

IN the rapidly changing world of Condé Nast, it's nice to hear that some things remain the same: **Anna Wintour** is still glacier-cold. Page Six hears that a longtime entertainment editor decided to celebrate their birthday, days after the Met Gala, by taking the day off. A source tells us that when Wintour (above) arrived to the office and asked about the editor's whereabouts, a staffer revealed that they were off for cake and ice cream. Wintour sniped, "What are we in, kindergarten?" A rep for Wintour did not comment.

Dua goes Electric: After her honeymoon in Italy, Dua Lipa returns to Electric Lady Studios in the West Village to lay down some tracks.

Fernando Ramales / BACKGRID

Liv's love 'venture'

OLIVIA Rodrigo appears to have traded Hollywood heartthrobs for Wall Street players. After splitting from British actor **Louis Partridge**, the singer has been spotted around Brooklyn several times with **Julian Croonenberghs** of private equity firm Hg Capital. On Monday, the pair were photographed flying from Iceland to New York, and fans identified the man. According to his LinkedIn, Croonenberghs studied applied mathematics and computer science at Brown, then worked as a banking analyst at Goldman Sachs. He also played for the US in international field hockey tournaments from 2018 to 2020 and speaks Dutch and French. Rodrigo's latest album may be full of breakup anthems, but it appears she could already be in a new love era. Reps for Rodrigo and Croonenberghs didn't comment.

Sightings

KNICKS point guard **Deuce McBride** lunching at Carnegie Diner on 57th Street ... **CHARLIZE Theron** and **Nikki Glaser** in the same section at **Ariana Grande**'s concert at Barclays Center ... **ANYA Taylor-Joy** dining at Babbo.

Soccer Industry

LATIN superstar **J Balvin** gave 400 fans, influencers and soccer enthusiasts a surprise at a Jameson party to celebrate the World Cup Saturday. When the DJ at House of Goal — a fútbol-focused pop-up in Brooklyn's Industry City — announced that Balvin (above) was going to perform, "the crowd went wild," we're told. "Some [people] even started to cry," a source told Page Six. Balvin's designer pal **Colm Dillane**, aka KidSuper, introduced the Colombian singer, and he performed six songs, including "Mi Gente." Offstage, Balvin, 41, gushed about living in NYC for nearly 30 years. A fan asked about his favorite place in New York, and he replied, "The whole city ... I just love this city, all of it. I cannot choose just one place."

Camilla plays palace guard

KING **Charles** made sure to have a "witness" at his July 10 reunion with Prince **Harry** and **Meghan Markle**, Page Six is told. When Charles met with Harry, Markle and their kids at Highgrove House, Queen **Camilla** was right by his side. "The queen was there for a reason: to make sure that everything was witnessed," royal writer **Robert Jobson** told The Post's **Sara Nathan**. Charles' insurance policy of having his wife at the meeting came after the Sussexes have spilled innumerable royal family secrets and allegations, including in their notorious 2021 **Oprah Winfrey** interview, their 2022 Netflix docuseries and Harry's 2023 "Spare" memoir. Jobson told us that "the only people who know" what really went down at Highgrove "were inside the room." The question is: Will Harry and Meghan tell the world? The king's decision for backup follows the path set by his mother. Queen Elizabeth refused to take Harry's phone calls without another person in the room — and notoriously banned the Sussexes from bringing a photographer to one of their last meetings. Despite everything, Jobson explained, Charles, 77, agreed to the meeting with his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren — **Archie**, 7, and **Lilibet**, 5 — so that he has "no regrets." "He's living with cancer," said Jobson. "He's had a lot of meetings lately with people."

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Seniority in government

Cindy Adams

WHEN Sen. Lindsey Graham left, it also left a conversation about USA's aging officials.

Most have thinning white hair or minuscule remnants dyed. Lighthouse residents even notice it. How much after their Sweet Sixteens should the public follow wheelchairs of our many longtime officials who could call Methuselah "kid."

Shouldn't Congress reveal their health? Aged limbs? Skinny snow white strands surrounded with big empty circles? No laws about aged electees? I mean, beyond the price of a crypt?

Americans need to know if antiquarians monitoring millions of citizens medically, legally, physically are intelligently able and fit to serve.

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Spending 'Weekend' with Jen

MEANWHILE, **Jennifer Garner** is baking. New Peacock series "The Five-Star Weekend." In her kitchen for a girls weekend with **Chloë Sevigny**, **Regina Hall**, **Gemma Chan**.

Jennifer: "Favorite recipe is melt chocolate chips, add tablespoons of solid coconut oil, splash of vanilla, sprinkle of salt. That's a homemade magic shell. You can thank me later."

But first see your doctor.

Jennifer Garner's new TV series has her hosting a reunion of friends on Nantucket.

Seacia Pavao/Peacock

Very Tony nite

EVERYBODY'S coming back. Tony Bennett, too.

Oprah collected his art. A lifetime ago his Central Park watercolor sold for $3,900. He became so hot that one VIP social party was delayed an hour so he could finish dinner. Modest? Please. His quote: "In San Francisco I'm like the pope." The then Queens boro president wanted to name a street for him. And me, I sat with Tony so often that we even shared a veal chop Siciliano at Patsy's.

A celebration coming at Lincoln Center. For his could've, would've, should've been 100th birthday. Led by **Deborah Grace Winer** and with Tony's music director **Billy Stritch**, it's two shows, Aug. 9.

Jokes for Jack

COMING at us — two days only — "The Jackie Mason Musical." A onetime rabbi, he became a hotshot comedian. For awhile he was big. Nightclubs, Broadway, Florida, Catskills. Hilarious and with a real thick accent that would make **Netanyahu** sound British. So now his real-life daughter has put a whoknowswhat together borscht that sounds like Jackie would sound.

It's Saturday and Sunday, at Actors Temple Theatre on West 47th Street. Go.

WHEN I wrote the other day about shopping in Russia, I left out that one sales lady said they had many stout styles because most ladies in their country were heavy. I then asked what items were for sale. What might I buy? Answer: "Nothing. No sales. You cannot buy nothing."

Great. This sales style coming next and only in Crapdammy's US, where it might soon be only underwear or T-shirts.

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Wall Street bros disrupt Hamptons

By KYRA BRESLIN

For generations, the only people chasing 300-pound tuna were the ones whose lives revolved around the water.

Now these veteran anglers of Long Island are begrudgingly sharing the beloved recreational sport of deep-water fishing for hard-fighting, giant tuna with image-obsessed city slickers who only recently learned about the big-game pursuit thanks to social media and reality TV.

"A lot of these guys are millionaires, and they come out and catch fish," Montauk-based commercial fish dealer Bryan Gosman, 53, told The Post. Among longtime commercial fishermen, Gosman said there's an unspoken understanding: The new sport-fishing boom has changed the culture.

"Commercial guys get irritated because it does affect the market of fish. They think sport-fishing guys don't take good care of the fish; it becomes performative," he added. "The picture is more important."

"They're multimillionaires; the $4,000 check they get for a fish doesn't even matter."

Montauk economics

The Montauk native doesn't blame people for wanting to fish. His concern is what happens when a working waterfront becomes another Hamptons attraction — and social-media fodder. The influx of recreational anglers hasn't just changed who shows up at the dock but also the economics of it.

The question of what happens to an insular community and who "gets to be a fisherman" stops being hypothetical when it is impacting the supply chain.

As more sport fishermen obtain permits allowing them to sell part of their catch, the market shifts. When dozens of recreational boats return with tuna on the same day, prices can fall, meaning profits fall for the hardworking fishermen. "Before you know it, a mob of them go out to Montauk," Gosman said.

Although the fish dealer says more people are fishing, which is great for visibility, he's adamant that the extremely high barrier to entry siphons it into a sport for the wealthy to enjoy as an adrenaline rush.

When Gosman first started helping his family business over two decades ago, he said nobody wanted to know anything about the fisheries — but now it's all the rage. "It's become like, 'You're a cool fish dealer,' whereas a couple of years ago it wasn't like that," he said.

Atlantic bluefin tuna populations are healthier and swimming closer to the shore than they have in decades, transforming what fishermen say was once a multiday 70- to 100-mile expedition into a far more attainable outing for many anglers.

Marc Martino (3)

Faster boats and onboard satellite services like Starlink have only accelerated that shift, allowing charter captains to reach the grounds more quickly — and in some cases letting customers respond to emails and conduct business — making it attractive to high-pressure executives.

But cultural visibility may be the biggest change. For years, offshore tuna fishing largely lived in the pages of fishing magazines and among coastal communities.

Today, it's showing up everywhere, from ESPN's social-media feeds to TikTok, where videos of giant bluefin and dockside fillets routinely rack up tens of thousands of views.

Reality shows like "Wicked Tuna" introduced millions of viewers to the sport years ago, but social media has made it feel even more attainable. "Tuna fishing is oddly addicting," said Henry Margaritis, a Hampton Bays-based fisherman, told The Post. "That's why some of these Wall Street guys get a taste for it, and they're like, 'This is so awesome.' "You get out there for like a banker guy who works in New York City, and you get offshore, and you see 40 whales feeding with their mouths open, it's like National Geographic."

Margaritis also adds there is a competitive nature to tuna fishing, which could also play into the curiosity of Wall Street guys flocking to the sport. Captains say that visibility is changing who shows up at the dock. "The onset of social media, Instagram is helping the sport because people are seeing things that they didn't see before," Marc Martino, 63, of No Excuses Charter, told The Post.

Martino has been fishing in Hampton Bays since the early '90s and only began chartering in 2008.

Despite some of the naysayers, others don't blame many for getting involved. "I've seen guys get hooked on this sport in one trip. They caught their first 150-pound tuna, and they were all in, even as far as going to buy a boat," veteran angler Nick Carro told The Post.

He added that a majority of the people he takes out have no idea how ripe fishing in the North Atlantic actually is, with peak season running from July to November.

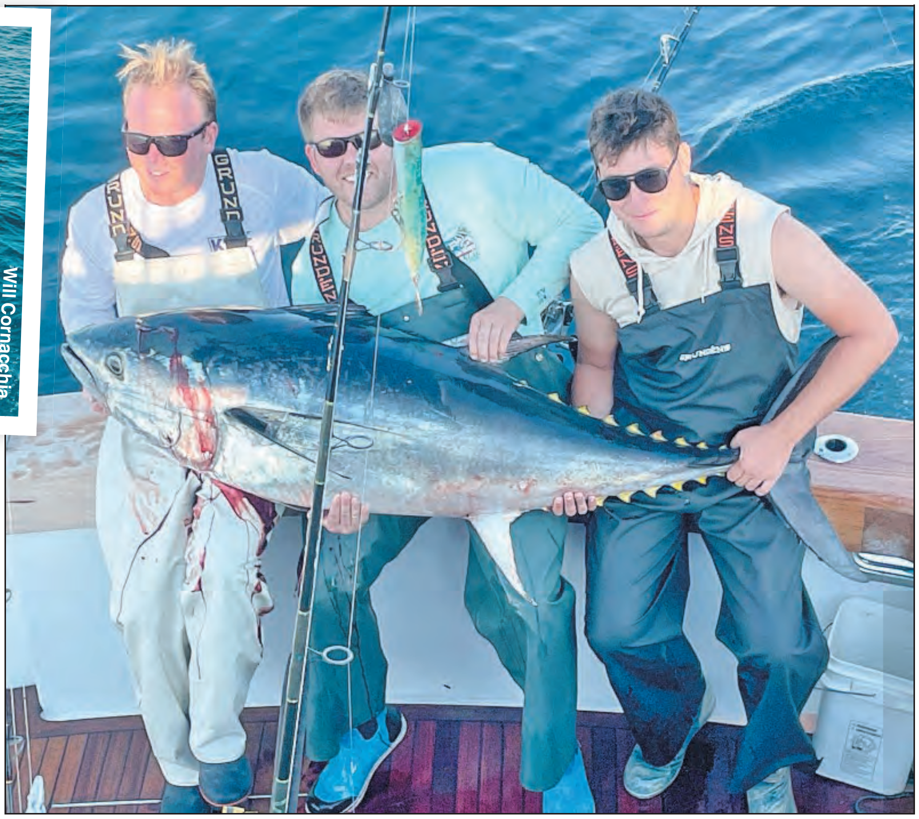
"They automatically associate it with southern states," he explained. "They're amazed at the size, quality and quantity that we catch out here and they have no idea that tuna, swordfish and marlin even exist in the Northeast."

Long before tuna fishing became social-media fodder, Montauk had earned its reputation as the sport-fishing capital of the Northeast.

For generations, commercial fishermen and charter captains built livelihoods on taking advantage of the East End's unique aquatic geography. That history helps explain a reputation outsiders sometimes mistake for elitism.

fishing industry for Instagram pics

Will Cornacchia



PLAYING ANGLES: Local fishermen in the East End of Long Island say a rise in tuna sport fishing is cutting into their livelihoods, but charter-boat captains are loving the boost in business from Wall Street millionaires. “Instagram is helping the sport,” said Marc Martino, of No Excuses Charter, who happily snaps pics of day anglers (far left and far right) to post on social media. Captain Will Cornacchia (left) of the Montauk Anglers Club adds. “They’re the ones who support our living; they’re the ones who are booking trips.”

TUNA FOR ‘SNAPPERS’

“Montauk has been one of the oldest fishing communities, and because of that there is that reputation that it’s the elite fishery, full of elite captains,” said Will Cornacchia of the Montauk Anglers Club, a family-owned marina and offshore charter. “It’s always been a hot spot for fishing. It’s the sportfishing capital of the Northeast.”

‘Old salt’ wisdom

Before transitioning full-time to the water, Cornacchia, who’s been fishing since he was 6 years old, worked in finance at Goldman Sachs. A medical issue caused a shift in priorities and career.

According to him, what newcomers often interpret as gatekeeping is rooted in experience.

Although technology has transformed the sport, the best electronics still can’t replace decades spent learning the water. But it does make it more attractive and convenient for high-pressure executives who need to stay connected at all times while offshore.

“You can be the most technologically savvy person there is,” the Montauk resident said. “But without that local knowledge and local know-how, you’re behind the eight ball.”

That old-school mentality still runs deep.

Carro describes Montauk’s longtime captains as “old salts” — fishermen who spent years earning their reputations and weren’t always eager to share hard-won secrets. “They consider themselves elite,” he said, contrasting that tradition with a younger generation that’s more willing to teach newcomers and grow the sport.

But some hardcore guys are open to the idea of new anglers, especially the tourists who come out, spend thousands of dollars on a charter, and support the local community, despite the changing demographic.

“They’re the ones who support our living; they’re the ones who are booking trips and hiring guides, basically helping people make a living out here,” Cornacchia added, saying that there are differing opinions but that local knowledge and respect for those who have been doing it for generations cannot be replaced.

Despite the social-media buzz, million-dollar sportfishing boats and Wall Street newcomers, every fisherman agreed on one thing: Once you’re offshore, none of it matters. One can spend thousands on fuel chasing tuna across the Atlantic, and you can still come home empty-handed.

Maybe that’s why, in a Hamptons increasingly defined by access, exclusivity and carefully curated experiences, offshore fishing continues to feel more grounded.

“We try to create an environment where anyone passionate about fishing, regardless of where they’re from, regardless of their economic background, can create an environment that transcends all those barriers and allows people to share the passion,” said Cornacchia.

Shark swarms easier to spot

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, the New York area has seemingly been under siege from a veritable sharknado.

This month alone, authorities temporarily red-flagged or shuttered beaches from Long Island to the Rockaways, where an alleged “swarm” of suspected bull sharks — typically found in warmer climes than ours — was spotted offshore.

Just a couple of weekends ago off Jones Beach, a suspected shark decided to snack on a swimmer’s foot, chomping it straight to the bone.

But is swimming at New York beaches like, in the words of Chief Brody from “Jaws,” “ringing the dinner bell?” Or could the hysteria be just a bit overblown?

Hans Walters, curator for the Animal Department at the New York Aquarium, believes there’s roughly the same number of sharks as always — we’re just noticing them more.

“Sightings probably are” increasing, Walters says. “If you look for something, as long as it exists, you’re going to find it.”

He noted that improved technology, from Go-Pros to drones, makes the predators easier to spot than before.

This year, Gov. Hochul increased Long Island’s fleet to 46 drones and 67 drone operators, with experts crediting these eyes in the sky for helping curb the number of encounters.

Walters doesn’t buy that tropical-dwelling bull sharks are invading, saying the “swarms” of these creatures, who rarely migrate this far, were likely false.

“The photograph that I saw taken from a drone, there is no way that I could identify the animal as a bull shark,” said Walters, who believes it was more likely a brown shark or similarly stocky species. *Ben Cost*

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Maine Dem all the rage

Maine Democrats seeking a US Senate candidate have gone from an accused rapist to a man known for vicious anger flare-ups, including when he hurled a water bottle over a female politician.

Troy Jackson — a former lumberjack poised to clinch the Democratic nod to replace disgraced alleged sex attacker and oyster farmer Graham Platner — furiously lobbed the bottle during a temper tantrum, meeting with Democrats after a then-fellow state lawmaker refused to change her vote.

"He was an inch from her nose, screaming and hollering and haranguing her," a former colleague recounted to The Washington Post, noting that there wasn't physical contact.

At the time, Jackson was serving as president of the state's Senate, and the targeted female lawmaker was terrified that he was trying to hit her with the water bottle, something his campaign firmly denies.

"Troy Jackson is passionate and deeply invested in the people and policies he advocates for," Jackson's campaign said in a statement to CNN that conceded that in "over 22 years in public office" there were "moments when he let his frustration get the better of him." *Ryan King*

'Kid-lure' guy 'flips'

A Michigan man who allegedly tried to abduct two girls flipped off their families in court — as he backtracked on a plea deal, according to reports.

Endi Bala, 25, appeared in a Mount Clemens courthouse where he was expected to plead no contest to the August 2024 attempted kidnapping, but changed his mind, the Macomb Daily reported.

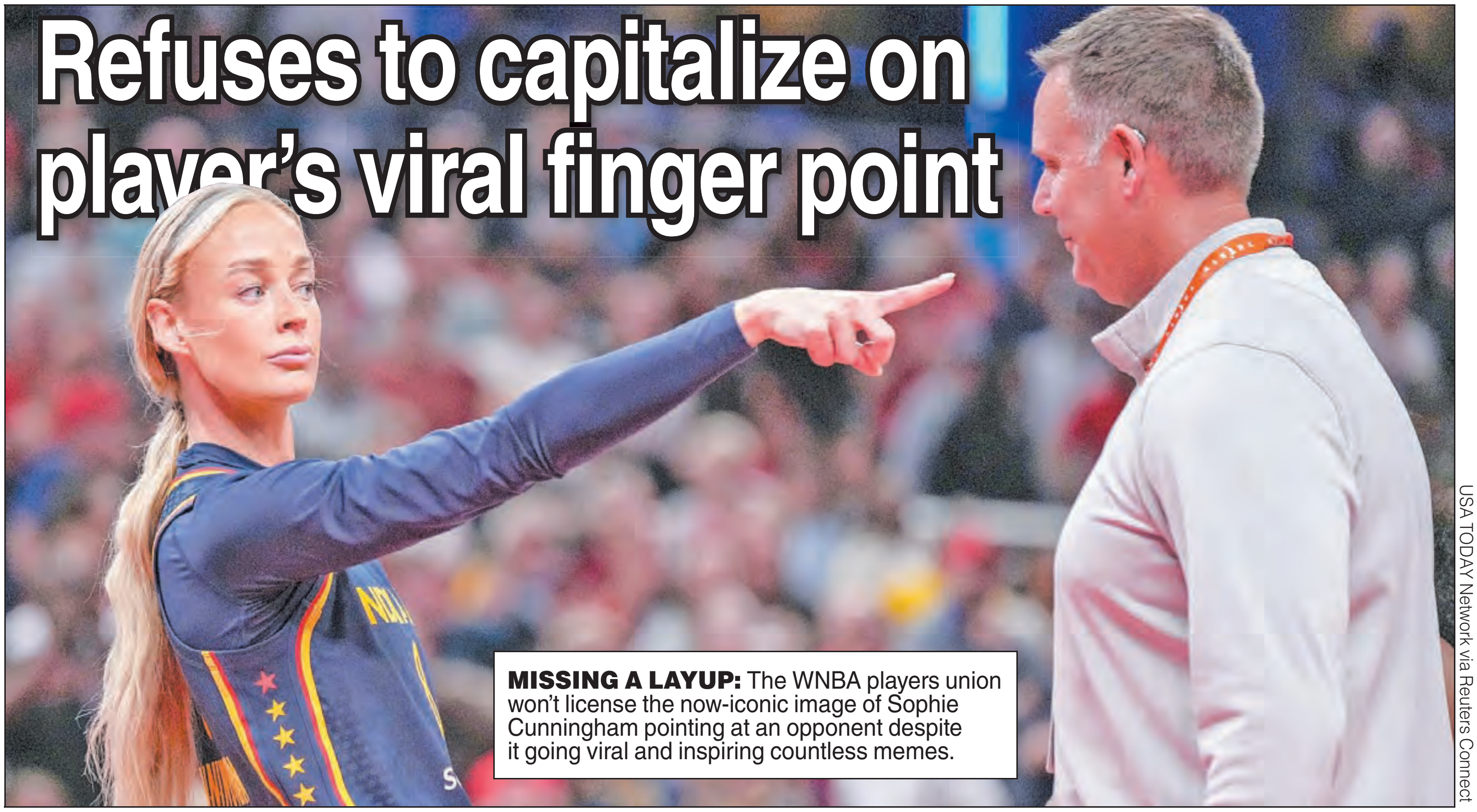
While being escorted out, Bala allegedly made a crude gesture at the girls' families.

"Unbelievable," said a mom of one of the girls — ages 7 and 15 — whom he allegedly tried to snatch.

Chris Bradford

WNBA drops ball

Refuses to capitalize on player's viral finger point



MISSING A LAYUP: The WNBA players union won't license the now-iconic image of Sophie Cunningham pointing at an opponent despite it going viral and inspiring countless memes.

USA TODAY Network via Reuters Connect

KIRSTEN FLEMING

THE WNBA and its associated entities continue to be their own worst enemies when it comes to maximizing their product.

Any time a good wave comes barreling in, they'd rather watch it crash on the shore than get on and ride it. It's been obvious since sensation Caitlin Clark was drafted first overall by the Indiana Fever in 2024.

While there's a never-ending push to help athletes make more money and grow the league into a sustainable enterprise with a large footprint, the WNBA and the players union seem most adept at stifling a good moment.

The latest is the one around the Fever's Sophie Cunningham that has launched a thousand memes and imitators.

The image of 29-year-old Cunningham — showing her pointing at opponent DeWanna Bonner after a scuffle in a late June match-up between the Fever and the Phoenix Mercury — went crazy viral.

The intense gesture lasted 22 seconds but, weeks later, it is still very much ensconced in the ether.

Cunningham has posed with young fans eager to reenact the point. When she visited a Special Olympics basketball team, one of the players excitedly mimicked the Fever shooting guard, gushing, "I like when you do this!"

Boon for her brand

It's been a boon to Cunningham's brand, which has been soaring since the veteran emerged as the Fever team enforcer last year, when she handed down a hard foul against Jacy Sheldon, for which she was rightfully ejected.

Then came the point, which has pushed her to new heights. She was a ring girl at the July 11 UFC fight between Paddy Pimblett and Benoit Saint Denis, and writer Chuck Klosterman even predicted she'd run for vice president of the US before 2050.

Too bad the players union is throwing cold water on her moment — which is also the league's moment. They say the viral image cannot be licensed by their business partners.

According to journalist Darren Rovell, the union reportedly called it "derogatory."

In what world is a prolonged, silent point derogatory? Maybe if she added a crotch grab at the end, one could make that argument. But this was cheeky and antagonistic.

When you organically have an image that not only resonates with a mainstream audience, but also captures the zeitgeist, you seize on it.

However, the WNBPA policy "is not to create any apparel that features a confrontation between members of the union."

Cunningham can create her own merch so long as there is no WNBA or team logo on it — and I hope she does.

For a league constantly touting its physical toughness, it's pretty damn soft. The people making the decisions are far too into feelings when they should be pushing to be bigger and better. They're constantly sniffing for micro-aggressions or catering to the progressive politics that the league has long embraced, allowing it to overshadow the actual product.

Backwards

Just last week, Toronto coach Sandy Brondello referred to Angel Reese as a "protected species," which is a common phrase in Brondello's native Australia.

Still, the league injected a racial element into the label, and Brondello was given a one-game suspension.

And then there was the unforced error committed by WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert, who agreed to sit down with interviewer Dan Patrick a few weeks ago. There was expectation that she would be asked about a June 24 incident when the Mercury's Alyssa Thomas put her fist on Clark's throat. No foul was called at the time, but Thomas was later suspended for a game after public outrage.

It was a particularly fraught moment for the league. Even a group of GOP lawmakers sent Engelbert a letter about protecting Clark — which was just as ridiculous.

Two hours after the agreed meeting with Patrick, league public relations said it would be a no-go.

"I thought this was going to be a good thing for the WNBA because people still want answers here . . ." Patrick said. "And yes, would the questions be tough? Yes, yes. And I'm sure that had something to do with [Engelbert canceling] . . . So, it's just disappointing."

It was classic backwards WNBA.

For years, they have been clamoring for the spotlight. They want the money. They want the viewership. Finally, people are tuning in and becoming invested. But the league doesn't want the scrutiny that comes with it. Nor do they want to embrace all the opportunities if it means splitting from their bizarre fealty to equity.

Who suffers? The players they claim to want to elevate.

Journey rocker's Bruce rip

Journey rock star Jonathan Cain ripped fellow musician Bruce Springsteen as an "annoying, bitter old man" for using his concerts to lecture fans about President Trump.

"I used to be a Democrat back in the old days, but I just couldn't go there anymore, you know?" Cain, 76, opined in an appearance on the "Complete Disaster Network" podcast, according to Variety.

"I'm a diehard conservative . . . And guys like Bruce Springsteen should shut up. You know, really, honestly, shut up, Bruce, you know? Him and who's the other one? Robert De Niro. I mean, who cares, guys? . . . Do your art. I try to keep politics out of my music," said the musician during the May interview.

The 76-year-old "Born to Run" rocker blasted the Trump administration as he kicked off his tour this year.

Jules Corderoy

Qns. 'slay-suicide'

Wife knifed in back, hubby found hanged

By FENIX SURIEL,
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TRAGIC PAIR: Mary Kate Golding and Joseph Azzaretto left behind an 11-month-old son.

A Queens mother was found stabbed to death early Tuesday, with her husband's body found soon after hanging from a tree in a nearby park in what officials suspect is a murder-suicide.

Mary Kate Golding, 34, was found stabbed in the back at home on 41st Street near 19th Avenue in Astoria at around 12:30 a.m., police said. Husband Joseph Azzaretto was discovered hanging from a tree in Astoria Park about six hours later, law-enforcement sources said.

According to the sources, son Nolan, 11 months, was left alone with his slain mother's body.

A Golding friend recovered the infant after Azzaretto, 33, called her and confessed to the killing.

"When her friend came and found the body, she was screaming," a neighbor said, adding that "she took the baby and walked out" of the room where he was left with his dead mother.

The couple had gotten into an argument that night, according to the sources.

Azzaretto took off in a minivan after the stabbing, who said he also confessed the killing in a call to a relative, who alerted authorities.

Cops responded shortly after, and found Golding dead with the knife still in her back, the sources said. Azzaretto was found dead in the park later.

Violence appears to run in Azzaretto's family, according to sources.

His brother, Nicholas Azzaretto, 26, pleaded guilty to fatally shooting their father inside their Monroe County, Pa., home in 2020, records show.

An employee at a neighboring auto body shop said Golding and Azzaretto had moved to their basement apartment from Pennsylvania two months ago.

Golding studied at NYU and was working as an assistant set decorator for shows like "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" and "Goosebumps," according to IMDb and other online profiles. Azzaretto also worked in the film industry, said the neighbor, who requested anonymity.

Azzaretto quickly developed a reputation for being "crazy," the neighbor claimed.

"He was an angry person," the neighbor said. "I decided to avoid him. I didn't even look at his text messages."

The auto body shop worker also described Azzaretto as being "mentally disturbed," leaving neighbors threatening notes if they parked on his driveway. He also recounted an instance where Azzaretto physically fought repo men over his car.

'Bigoted' pol: Elect immigs

The anti-Israel Gen Z socialist who ousted 15-term Rep Diana DeGette (D-Colo.) has called for more immigrants to be elected to office so America's "exploitative" role on the world stage can be combated.

Ethiopian-born Ph.D. student Melat Kiros, who claimed the elimination of Israel isn't antisemitic, told Denver's Wa-Ela Tigray diaspora gathering this month there should be "more people who have heritage in the global south."

Kiros, 29, a member of the radical Democratic Socialists of America, called for more migrants to run for public office to ensure a shift in American foreign policy.

"There's a certain reckoning that we are going to have with the global world order . . . and the way that it fundamentally will have to shift," she said.

Chris Bradford

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Tomorrow night: A crystal clear sky. Low 62 to 68.

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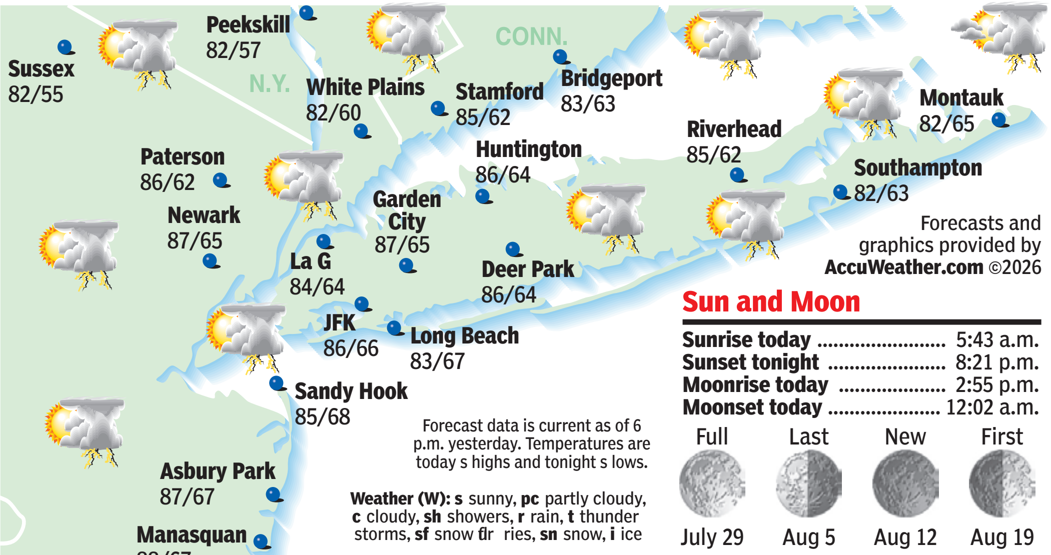
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Year: 21.49 , Normal year to date: 26.73

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Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........668 (571)
Last year to date....................................628
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Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Grass, Weeds
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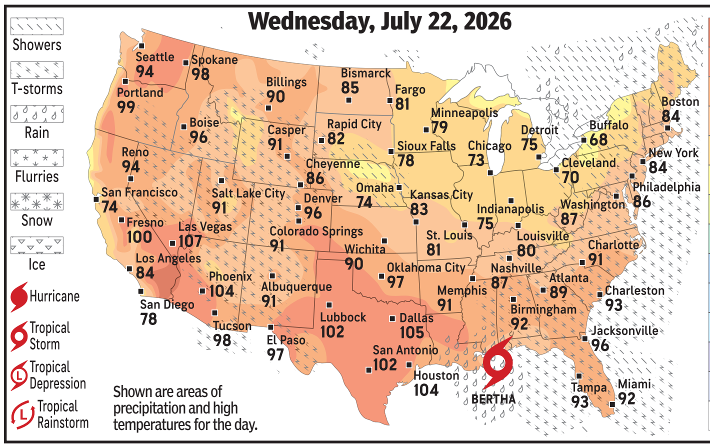
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides

High Tide for	TODAY 1st	TODAY 2nd	TOMORROW 1st	TOMORROW 2nd
Coney Island	2:31a	3:07p	3:22a	3:57p
Fire Island	2:29a	3:23p	3:29a	4:27p
Hempstead	6:45a	7:07p	7:51a	8:09p
Huntington	6:26a	6:48p	7:27a	7:47p
Jones Inlet	2:15a	2:51p	3:06a	3:41p
Montauk Point	3:53a	4:32p	4:54a	5:31p
Port Washington	6:54a	7:16p	8:00a	8:18p
Sandy Hook	2:35a	3:11p	3:26a	4:01p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	78/54/t	79/54/s
Danbury	83/56/t	79/54/s
Glens Falls	77/50/t	77/50/s
Gr Barrington	80/53/t	76/50/s
Kingston	84/56/t	81/53/s
Liberty	76/52/t	75/52/s
Monticello	77/52/t	75/51/s
Newburgh	83/57/t	79/56/s
Poughkeepsie	84/55/t	80/53/s
Saratoga Springs	78/53/t	79/52/pc
Stroudsburg	82/54/t	79/53/s
Torrington	82/55/t	78/52/s
Syracuse	70/55/pc	78/56/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	94/78/s	90/71/s
Baghdad	116/89/s	115/90/s
Beijing	80/71/t	84/71/t
Berlin	68/57/sh	70/54/c
Cairo	104/78/s	105/79/pc
Dublin	71/53/pc	71/54/pc
Geneva	83/55/s	85/57/s
Hong Kong	91/83/sh	92/81/sh
Jerusalem	90/72/s	91/73/s
Kabul	88/65/pc	81/65/sh
London	80/61/pc	79/61/pc
Madrid	103/73/pc	101/71/s
Mexico City	80/54/sh	80/56/pc
Montreal	69/55/t	76/60/s
Moscow	77/56/sh	71/55/sh
Paris	81/59/s	80/58/pc
Rio de Janeiro	86/72/pc	78/68/c
Rome	92/71/s	90/68/s
Sydney	69/50/pc	69/47/s
Tokyo	99/82/sh	101/79/r

‘Dead’ girl walking

Actress Lauren Cohan, 44, sports a belted, green leather midi for “Good Morning America” on Tuesday. Season 3 of her “The Walking Dead: Dead City” premieres Sunday on AMC.

Christopher Peterson/SplashNews.com

Disguise home ‘invade’

A brazen intruder stormed into a Brooklyn home while posing as a Con Edison worker, grabbed a woman by the neck and then pistol-whipped her hero husband who fought off the attacker, police said.

Gregory Jones, 56, allegedly forced his way inside the home on East 57th Street near Linden Boulevard in East Flatbush around 2:40 p.m. Monday, according to the NYPD.

Decked out in clothing that resembled the energy company’s gear, Jones allegedly grabbed a woman by the neck — while a child was home, cops said.

Luckily, her husband — whose phone was hooked up to the Ring doorbell — wasn’t far away when he heard the screams and sprinted toward the home, according to cops and the local outlet CrownHeights.info.

Jones then pistol-whipped the husband — who fought back, disarming and knocking the intruder unconscious, according to the report.

When the alleged burglar regained consciousness, he reportedly fled with some valuables, including a cellphone that Crown Heights Shomrim volunteers were able to use to track him.

Jones was arrested a couple hours later and faces a laundry list of charges in connection to the heist — robbery, strangulation, burglary, grand larceny, criminal use of a firearm, criminal possession of a weapon, coercion, unlawful imprisonment, acting in a manner injurious to a child and menacing, police said.

Jones’ arrest history dates to August 1993. His arraignment in the violent home invasion is pending.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

THERAPY SPLITS FAMILIES

Estrangement push

By RONNY REYES

About a third of parents with estranged adult children claim the breakdown in their family’s relationship stemmed from advice their kids got from a therapist — as experts warn of a toxic rise in victimhood culture.

A survey of 7,000 estranged parents conducted in April found that an astounding one in three believed their adult child’s therapist recommended they cut off ties with their family or influenced them to do so.

William Doherty, a therapist and professor emeritus of family social science at the University of Minnesota, blamed the concerning trend on society’s hyper-fixation with “trauma.”

“We are in a culture where we emphasize fragility, everything becomes trauma, and the solution increasingly is to split and leave,” Doherty told The Wall Street Journal. “But it should be the tragic exception that you cut off a parent or loved one not business as usual in therapy,” he added.

More than 25% of young adults in the US are estranged from one or both parents, or have been, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family.

Karl Pillemer, a family sociologist and professor of human development at Cornell, noted that rifts are only likely to increase amid growing generational tensions over politics and social issues, the Journal reported.

Debates have risen among therapists over the increase in estrangement in the US, with mental-health experts expressing concerns that young adults without ties to their familial support are more susceptible to falling into and staying in toxic relationships.

Peter Anderson, a licensed marriage and family therapist who helped conduct the April survey, also suggested therapists weren’t getting the full side of the story when recommending clients cut off ties with their parents.

“A lot of therapists are taught to believe whatever the client is saying at face value,” Anderson told the Journal. “They’re forming conclusions based on one person’s account.”

Path to a restart

Rin Reczek, a sociology professor at Ohio State University who led the study in the Journal of Marriage and Family, suggested a cultural shift where adults opt to pursue positive relationships rather than immediately mend strained ones has made cutting off parents a more attractive option.

The study found that while estrangement appeared high, many people go on to restart communication with their parents — with some even pushing their parents to pursue therapy with them.

“Estrangement appears to be a relatively unstable family dynamic, with most people ending estrangement in subsequent waves,” the study concluded, while also warning that even short-term estrangement can cause long-term consequences for a person’s well-being.

Gastro outbreak on Alaska expedition ship

A gastrointestinal illness outbreak is running rampant through an Alaskan expedition ship — with a third of the ship’s passengers suffering from the virus and marking the third such outbreak aboard the vessel since late May, health officials warned.

The outbreak was reported July 12 aboard the National Geographic Sea Bird, two days after the ship departed Sitka, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which added that 18 of the 62 passengers had reported being ill. *Richard Pollina*

Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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♋ **CANCER (June 22-July 23)**
The most important thing now, as the Sun leaves your sign, is that you avoid wishful thinking. It is essential that you focus only on facts, both in your personal affairs and where business and financial matters are concerned. Don't lie to yourself.

♌ **LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**
Many of the problems you have been struggling with these past few weeks will seem of no importance now the Sun is moving into your sign. This is your time of year and you must approach it in a positive frame of mind. You're a winner.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)**
The fact that you have been unable to resolve a partnership issue suggests there may be no solution, so maybe the best course of action is to keep your distance from whoever it is you don't get along with. You don't HAVE to be friends with everyone.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**
Let go of your fears and take each day as it comes. That should be easier now the Sun is changing signs but there will still be moments of doubt. Those moments will be fewer if you surround yourself with upbeat friends and colleagues.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**
The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will help you concentrate on your long-term plans while ignoring the little things that so often annoy you. It's time to get serious about your future and that means you need to focus.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)**
You will push yourself harder than ever while the Sun is moving through the most adventurous area of your chart. That's great, of course, but don't push so hard that you risk turning people against you. You still need to be part of a team.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)**
Turn your attention to your financial situation and, where necessary, be ruthless with yourself in making changes. You also need to recognize that the decisions you make will affect other people as much as they affect you, so make them wisely.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)**
As the Sun joins Jupiter in the partnership area of your chart today you will get no end of opportunities to see situations not only from your own point of view but from other people's as well. Try to accept that you can be wrong occasionally.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**
The world is changing faster by the day and sometimes you master a new technique only to find it is already out of date. That may be frustrating but it's just the way it is, so resolve to move with the times every chance you get.

♈ **ARIES (March 21-April 20)**
By all means drop what you are doing and go to the rescue of a friend or family member who needs assistance, but don't neglect your own needs and desires. The Sun in Leo as from today means you need to focus more on your own creativity.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**
Recent weeks have been a lot of fun and there is no reason why the next few weeks should not be fun as well. However, the hands of the cosmic clock are moving on and your responsibilities to other people will increase. It's not all about you.

♊ **GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**
Don't be intimidated by people who seem to know more about what is going on in the world than you do. They may sound smart but do they really know more or do they just know how to express themselves forcefully? Most likely it's the latter.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY
There will be so much going on in your world over the coming year that you may neglect to listen to the most important voice of all, the one that comes from within. Take time out each and every day to connect with your true self.

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Catbird Seat

Dems can't stop Kamala — to GOP's joy

No joke: Harris, Democrats' 'known quantity,' is all but a lock for 2028.

REUTERS

THERE are only two lanes to the Democratic presidential nomination two years from now, and one of them is already blocked — by Kamala Harris. Prepare for the Kamala comeback, followed, in all likelihood, by a replay of her crushing defeat by a Republican nominee.

Believe it or not, the ex-VP occupies what counts as the "center lane" within the party, and for most of the last three decades that's the one that's led to the nomination.

Republicans used to be the party of orderly succession, even if the candidate whose turn had come looked like a certain loser: think Bob Dole in 1996. But recently it's been Democrats who've tended to pick a party elder as their nominee.

Al Gore, as a sitting veep, might not have been a remarkable choice in 2000, but in '04 it was John Kerry, in '16 Hillary Clinton, and in 2020 Joe Biden — with only Barack Obama butting ahead of the line in 2008.

DANIEL McCARTHY

Democrats like a known quantity, a reliable liberal who isn't too overtly radical. The radicalism can wait until after Election Day. So they're leaning toward running Harris again, even if donors aren't happy about it: They blew nearly $2 billion on her campaign and aligned PACs in 2024, only for Harris to lose every battleground state to Donald Trump.

It won't be donors who decide the party's 2028 nominee, though, and ordinary Democrats actually find Harris reassuring. She's a familiar face, after all, commanding practically universal name recognition.

Harris checks the identity-politics boxes that may be as important as winning to Democratic primary voters: Their ticket must have a woman, and it can't be all white. And after being vetted as a VP and undergoing the trial-by-fire of the '24 campaign, Harris isn't likely to surprise voters with any extremist tattoos or sexual-assault allegations — things that can't be taken for granted among Democrats nowadays.

Then there's the revenge motive: what better way to repudiate the Trump era and reverse the Democrats' 2024 humiliation than by making the woman he defeated president? Democratic primary voters are still smarting from Hillary Clinton's drubbing in 2016. By 2028, the election of America's first female president will have been postponed 12 long years, and feminists in the party aren't willing to wait any longer.

That's why Harris tops almost all polls on the Dems' 2028 field, with an 11.6 point lead in the RealClearPolitics polling aggregate as of mid-July. "She comes in with 99% name ID and everyone else is going to have to raise money and buy it," a former Harris aide tells New York magazine's David Freedlander.

The donors might prefer just about anyone else, yet they'd have to pour an enormous amount of cash into another candidate just to make him or her recognizable. This has led one longtime Democratic strategist with donors' ears to welcome the inevitable.

"I hope she runs," Alex Hoffman told Freedlander, "because then she will lose and we will never have to hear from her again. She will never win an election at a national scale. Never."

But if Harris is hopeless, why does she seem inevitable? She has seniority no one else can match, but what about the other lane that leads to the nomination?

That's the left lane — the far left lane. The one Bernie Sanders occupied in 2020 and 2016, and that a candidate like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez might fill in 2028.

Young Dems keep moving leftward, with the Democratic Socialists of America making deeper inroads into the party. Kamala Harris is not nearly left-wing enough for them — but then, anyone who is would be upsetting to the old guard.

It's not that the old-timers aren't also well to the left on economics, but they don't want to be labeled "socialists" — while the insurgent left is proud of the brand. The party's mainstream wants to have it both ways on the Israel-Palestine conflict, while the young left is increasingly explicit about its anti-Zionism.

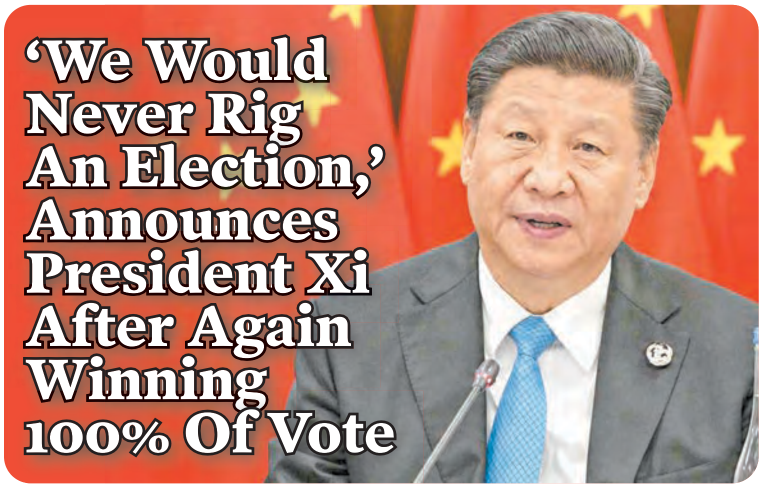
There are still enough Baby Boomers and suburbanites in the Democratic Party to make the left lane an unlikely road to the nomination. For now.

So Harris can expect a challenge from the left, but the party is still probably one more presidential cycle away from nominating someone who openly represents where Democrats are headed. In fact, a Harris defeat in 2028 would be the perfect prelude to the socialist and anti-Zionist left's takeover, discrediting the old guard for forfeiting the election to Trump's successor.

Democrat insiders know Kamala Harris is a terrible candidate, but the party they built can't tell her no — even if this is the last nomination they'll get to make before the DSA takes over.

THE WEEK'S BEST OF The Babylon Bee

Headlines from America's satirical news source, babylonbee.com



'We Would Never Rig An Election,' Announces President Xi After Again Winning 100% Of Vote

Jinping's assurances come on the heels of a primetime address by US President Donald Trump, who accused China of hacking several US voter databases. "Computer hackers? Chinese people? That's absurd," replied Jinping.

Rashida Tlaib Introduces New Campaign Slogan: 'For A Brighter Future And Also Death to America'

"We must build an economy that works for everyone," Tlaib proclaimed. "Except the Zionist devils, capitalist pigs, and anyone who likes this country the way it is. Together, we can lower prescription drug prices while working toward the total destruction of the Great Satan!"

Lesbian Couple Arrested In Miami On Sex Trafficking Charges

"This is America!" protested Andrew Tate, dressed in a silk blouse and capri pants.

'Who's Laughing Now?' Says Covid Toilet Paper Hoarder After Explosive Diarrhea Outbreak

"Hey! Hey Brian! Who's the dummy now?" Hutchins shouted at a stunned neighbor. "I saw you at Taco Bell yesterday, Brian. It's just a matter of time now. You'll come begging me for a roll, and oh Brian, how I will remind you of all you said in 2020. My my, how the tables have turned."

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Congress' *Clear* Duty

Republicans and Democrats should *always* agree: America's military must never be left unprepared — especially during war.

Yet the Pentagon is now running out of cash, and Democrats recently blocked the bipartisan Defense appropriations bill.

Parts of the Navy and Air Force's budgets for Middle East operations could run out in just 10 days, per one report. And Congress is about to adjourn for August recess.

What are lawmakers waiting for? Lives are at stake, as is the fate of the Strait of Hormuz — and America's ability to maintain credible deterrence down the road.

Congress needs to get cash to the military *pronto*.

The current ask is for just $67 billion, the minimum needed to support our current force to maintain deterrence.

Did funding foes hear the warnings from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Dan Caine at Tuesday's Senate hearing? At risk: simply paying servicemen (with recruitments at record high levels), replacing weapons and munitions.

Every single member of Congress should recognize the moral responsibility to ensure US troops are well-resourced, particularly when they're at war.

We get it: Democrats oppose the war (and Trump); many resent every dollar spent on defense. But ending the Iran conflict now would hand Tehran a major victory, leaving it in control of the Strait of Hormuz, diminish US credibility and embolden enemies like Russia and China.

Nothing Dems do will stop the prez from pursuing victory over Iran (thank goodness); they can only make the job harder — for him *and* the troops.

Congress needs to get its act together and pass supplemental funding now, as well as a full defense budget for the coming year. "The character of war is changing," warned Caine, "and capital is needed to properly arm."

Lawmakers of both parties should have no higher priority than getting that cash OK'd fast.

The DSA vs. the Black Establishment

When he slams the Democratic Socialists of America, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards is voicing the fury of the black political establishment, and of much of the black community. Thing is, he *enabled* these extremists.

Richards compared the DSA to white supremacists and '60s-era white liberals who "pretend" to support black civil rights.

OK: The DSA's base is educated white voters and its policies reflect their lefty core beliefs and class interests — and don't serve minority communities' needs. Defunding the police, closing the prisons, legalizing prostitution, freezing the rent: None of it helps black or Hispanic neighborhoods.

But Richards and many of his peers have played along with the hard left for years, on criminal-justice issues, on charter schools, on lunatic housing policies and more. That alliance helped local black Democrats reach their current pinnacle and political influence — but also opened the door to the DSA's rise.

And now the DSA doesn't plan to wait its turn; Mayor Mamdani and his faction don't even treat Richards and his allies as important partners in running the city.

But complaining that they've moved your cheese is no way to fight back.

The DSA *is* out of step with Richards' community of middle-class homeowners and working-class strivers, native-born and immigrant: This year, the mayor's property-tax and "death" tax proposals threatened to rob them of the generational wealth they've spent a lifetime building.

African-Americans are stakeholders in the United States; they're not interested in toppling the American system or capitalism — such voters are the only practical counterweight to the DSA now. But leaders who can rally them against the DSA will need to say how un-American the socialists' program is. That's a tough pivot for pols who've played footsie with the far left for years.

Richards is right to damn the DSA — but the new kids are succeeding because the establishment got too lazy to do its own job.

Leadership & the Welfare Explosion

New York's welfare rolls have skyrocketed — and the trend's sure to grow worse under Mayor Mamdani, because the issue isn't poverty levels but political will.

Some 865,000 residents collected cash assistance this past year, sending the city's welfare spending to a record $2.7 billion.

That's up from a low of 336,000 soon after Mayor Mike Bloomberg left office; welfare soon started edging up under Mayor Bill de Blasio — then began to explode under "reforms" he adopted as COVID hit, plus loosening of rules under President Joe Biden and the big-spending Democratic Congress.

Mayor Eric Adams didn't try to reverse the trend, so Mamdani inherited the crisis — but what Democratic Socialist would consider this a crisis?

Mayor Rudy Giuliani took over in 1994 with more than 1 million New Yorkers on welfare; he turned it around with anti-fraud measures and by requiring able-bodied recipients to seek work (and helping them find it). The rolls shrank 70% before Bloomberg left — a drop that did *not at all* produce the mass suffering that the critics of the reforms predicted.

Bottom line: New York already proved it can prune the undeserving off the welfare rolls — the only thing missing is a leader willing to do it again.

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The Inane 'Inmate' Debate: NY Has Bigger Problems

THE ISSUE: A proposal to replace the word "inmate" in the Board of Correction rule book.

- So now the city Board of Correction wants to ban the word "inmate" in favor of "people with custody" ("Out with 'inmate,'" July 20)?

My, my: We certainly wouldn't want to shame any of the fine thieves, rapists or murderers in prison now, would we? One of the biggest problems with society today is that shame doesn't exist anymore.

J. Cesare, Copiague

- Since New York state has basically expunged the biased terms "mother" and "father" from its legal language, it's great to know the word "inmate" will also be thrown onto the scrap heap of history. It turns out being called an inmate is just as offensive as being called a mother or father. **Schellie Hagan**
Brooklyn

- Many New York City school kids can't read and do simple math, illegal prescription drugs are openly sold on the streets, a squalid tent city grows at the foot of one of our most popular tourist attractions — but our city officials spend time worrying about calling inmates "inmates." **Jake McNicholas**
Whitestone

Gov. Hochul

- We are watching George Orwell's "1984" actually play out. Newspeak has been the agenda of these communist and socialist Democrats.

Sure, "inmate" is a very harsh word; let's call these "people in custody" better, clearer names so we can show them the proper respect. Here's a few suggestions for administering of law and order: murderers, rapists, drug and human traffickers, thieves, abusers and sexual predators.

Just last week, Mayor Mamdani had a lovely watch party with these vile criminals at Rikers Island. Last year, Democrats refused to stand for the families of victims of violent crime during the president's State of the Union address. To them, war is peace, and hate is love. **Linda Greco**
Cedar Grove, NJ

- The mayor's World Cup watch party at Rikers Island was appalling, and Gov. Hochul's 2022 press release about "individuals impacted by the criminal-justice system" being "stigmatized" by "terms such as felon, inmate," etc. is an absolute low.

We the taxpaying, law-abiding people of New York are the ones paying in all ways. Tell the *inmates* they are there because of their own doing.

Janice Mooney
Brooklyn

An *Actress* To Judge Judges?

THE ISSUE: Chief Judge Rowan Wilson's choice of Cynthia Nixon to help pick judges for NY's highest court.

- And just like that, the lunacy continues: Having played a Harvard-educated lawyer on TV entitles Cynthia Nixon is to serve on the Commission on Judicial Nomination to vet potential judges to the Court of Appeals ("Goodbye, NY Rule of Law," Editorial, July 18).

This would be a prime example of confirmation bias; Nixon is a staunch left-wing activist, and so she is perfect for this role.

Michelle Tranchina
Brooklyn, Conn.

- Just when we thought New York hit rock bottom with Mayor Mamdani and his incompetent administration, we are proven wrong once again with the actions of Chief Judge Rowan Wilson.

His nominating Cynthia Nixon — whose only qualifications are playing a lawyer on television and being another uber lefty Marxist — to the Commission on Judicial Nomination, is an unconscionable decision that boggles the mind of any normal, thinking individual.

I guess Wilson thinks we aren't letting criminals escape accountability fast enough in the New York court system.

J. Paino, Manhattan

- Nixon is a perfect fit for the politicized, woke, fantasy land that is the current New York state judiciary, where justice is all about dramatic performance, regardless of the facts and the law.

Charles Compton
The Bronx

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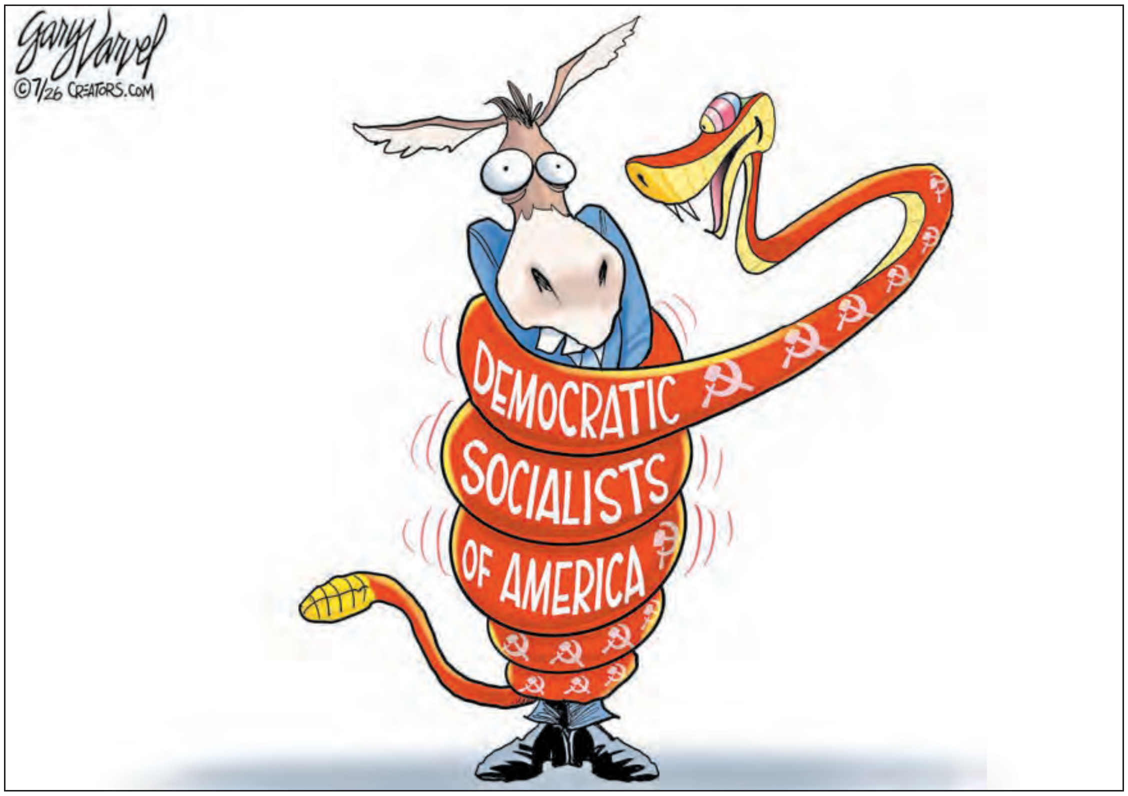

ZO'S OUTBREAK BUNGLE

LAST year, soon after a Legionnaires' disease outbreak in Harlem infected 118 New Yorkers and claimed seven lives, the City Council took action. We voted to triple the frequency of required testing for Legionella in building cooling towers, increasing it from quarterly to monthly, because we believed that this city owes New Yorkers better protection.

Less than a year later, another outbreak has swept through Manhattan's densely populated Upper East Side. At least 74 people have been infected, seven remain hospitalized — and four New Yorkers have tragically lost their lives.

Their families deserve our deepest condolences. And they also deserve something more: real answers from Mayor Zohran Mamdani's administration.

Legionnaires' disease is no mystery. We know how it spreads, and we know how to reduce the risk. But even though the council strengthened the law months ago, the administration failed to match those reforms with the urgency, transparency and leadership New Yorkers need.

Moreover, this month's outbreak exposed a different set of failures that go beyond lack of sufficient testing. Throughout this outbreak, New Yorkers were too often left in the dark by a Health Department that didn't promptly disclose which buildings had tested positive for Legionella, and that neglected its responsibility to provide guidance to those in the affected neighborhoods.

Worse yet, the city missed critical opportunities to prevent additional infections. I repeatedly called on the Health Department to proactively disinfect cooling towers throughout the affected area while investigators worked to identify the precise source of the bacteria, to no avail. Instead, the department chose to wait — and the crisis spread.

Equally troubling is the apparent communication breakdown between the Health Department and city hospitals. Elected leaders learned of the outbreak's second death through news reports, not directly from the Health Department — and when I requested confirmation, department officials indicated they had first heard of the death through the media as well.

JULIE MENIN

It took hours before the information could be verified. That's deeply concerning: During a public health emergency, hospitals and the Health Department should be in constant contact.

On top of that, we learned this week that the city lacks sufficient staff to properly respond to this summer's outbreak. The Health Department's roster of water ecologists –– the very workers who act on positive Legionella findings — currently has at least 20 vacancies, more than a third of this crucial work force. Local 3005, the union representing these staffers, has pleaded with the administration to address this unacceptable gap immediately, and I join that call.

The epidemiologists, inspectors, scientists and others working tirelessly throughout this outbreak deserve our appreciation. The failures are not on them. But public health depends on public trust — and that depends on timely, transparent communication and action.

This outbreak exposed a dangerous gap between what our laws require and how the city executes them. We strengthened the law after 2025's outbreak, yet City Hall's response still fell short.

The council will now act again. We are introducing legislation that will establish a dedicated summer hotline so New Yorkers can receive real-time answers during an outbreak, and strengthen requirements for public notification and education.

The proposed law will also require the city to take action on identifying and disinfecting buildings that don't comply with cooling-tower inspection requirements, and to improve coordination with the Buildings Department. And in September, the council will hold an oversight hearing to fully examine the administration's response.

The current outbreak appears to be slowing, but our responsibility doesn't end when case counts decline. The next one isn't a question of if, but when — and a question, too, of whether the city will learn from the failures of this one.

We owe it to the families who have lost loved ones, and to every New Yorker, to make sure we do.

Julie Menin is speaker of the New York City Council.

A Pro-AI Majority = American Prosperity

GOV. Hochul's first-in-the-nation moratorium on large data centers carries one big lesson: Artificial intelligence has a politics problem that no amount of lobbying will fix.

AI is one of the most valuable technologies ever to emerge, yet it's losing the political battle for public support. Without it, America will squander its huge advantages and fail to benefit from what it's built. So AI's advocates need to consciously cultivate a pro-AI majority — and fast.

New Yorkers backed a data-center moratorium by better than two to one in last month's Siena survey. Nationally, seven in ten Americans now oppose a data center in their area, up 30 percentage points in under a year.

Hochul isn't defying public opinion; she's following it. The risk is that more restrictions could be coming, including punitive taxes, permitting refusals and local vetoes — all aimed at the most consequential technology of the era.

But good news: The raw material for a pro-AI majority exists. Assembling it, though, requires thinking differently about political coalitions — because AI doesn't divide the country along party lines.

Recent polling from Echelon Insights maps the coalition. Two groups form its natural base: Young, tech-enthusiast voters and optimistic center-right Republicans together represent about 30% of the electorate. Add college-educated suburbanites who like technology but remain lukewarm on AI specifically, and it reaches roughly 42%.

The swing bloc is the largest group of all — young, mostly female voters skeptical about AI but not committed against it. Win a share of them, and a majority is in reach.

The key point here is that a pro-AI majority coalition can be built without flipping outright opponents. It's about reaching technological optimists who haven't yet heard a reason to extend that optimism to AI itself.

> **The point is not just economic growth, but the broad distribution of capability itself.**

Giving them one requires a better story than Silicon Valley boosters have provided, and a positive narrative that counters opponents' doomsaying. The honest story happens to be the best one: AI spreads capability downward.

The research is remarkably consistent. For example, customer-service agents using an AI assistant resolved 14% more issues per hour — but the gain was 34% for the least experienced workers, nearly zero for the stars. Studies of writers, coders and consultants find the same: The biggest boost goes to those starting furthest behind.

In practice, that's a Queens contractor getting a lawyer's help with a payment dispute for the price of a monthly subscription. It's a bodega owner with a bookkeeper that never sleeps, or an immigrant with an idea building a software program that once required a funded engineering team to produce. AI is the most powerful solvent yet invented for erasing the barriers to starting things.

JESSE ARM & SEAN SPEER

Call the resulting agenda "diffusionism," with the goal of getting AI's capabilities into as many hands as possible. The point is not just economic growth, but the broad distribution of capability itself.

Most of the current AI debates begin by asking who will capture the returns from AI, and how those returns should be redistributed. But a society can't redistribute prosperity it never generates.

A diffusionist message speaks to every group the coalition needs — markets and initiative for the right, access and broken gatekeepers for the center-left, and renewed personal agency for the young.

Diffusion runs on physical things: chips, electricity and, indeed, data centers. Which brings the argument back to Hochul, because the grievances behind her moratorium are politically potent.

Yet her ban answers none of those grievances. It builds no power plants, lowers nobody's utility bill and creates not a single job. Worse, it sends the industry's billions to Virginia, Ohio or Texas.

The correct response is a deal: require data centers to pay for the power they consume or to generate their own, and deliver visible benefits to host communities.

The deeper opportunity, though, is political, and it's sitting unclaimed. More and more politicians are lining up to run against AI. The first leader to run *for* something instead — for the contractor, the bodega owner and the founder; for cheaper power and broader access to the most capability-enhancing tools ever built — will find the largest bloc of persuadable voters in America waiting.

Hochul is betting that the backlash is where the votes are. But her pause expires within a year.

The politics of what comes after will belong to whoever has built the majority by then.

Adapted from City Journal.

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A_1	I_1	O_1	U_1	N_1	K_5	D_2		RACK 1
A_1	A_1	E_1	W_4	P_3	R_1	B_3	Triple Word Score	RACK 2
A_1	U_1	K_5	P_3	D_2	M_3	C_3		RACK 3
A_1	O_1	U_1	K_5	N_1	T_1	R_1	1st Letter Double	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 233

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

								SOLUTION
D_2	A_1	I_1	K_5	O_1	N_1		RACK 1 =	11
B_3	E_1	A_1	R_1	P_3	A_1	W_4	RACK 2 =	92
M_3	U_1	D_2	P_3	A_1	C_3	K_5	RACK 3 =	68
O_1	U_1	T_1	R_1	A_1	N_1	K_5	RACK 4 =	62
							TOTAL	233

PAR SCORE 150-160

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 2
♡ A K Q 3
◇ 10 8 3
♣ A 5 4 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 8 7 4
♡ 9 4
◇ K 7 5
♣ J 9 3

EAST
♠ K 6
♡ J 10 7 6 5
◇ A 2
♣ 10 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A J 5 3
♡ 8 2
◇ Q J 9 6 4
♣ K Q

South	West	North	East
1 ◇	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead – ♠ 7

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"I'm not surprised Millard confuses the 'rules' of play," Rose told me. "We went to a pizza place, and he had his pizza cut into six slices. He said he wasn't hungry enough to eat eight.

"Millard also said it's hard to deal with exceptions to the rules ... and then the exceptions have exceptions."

Millard Pringle gets lost in the maze of rules. When he played at today's 3NT, West led the seven of spades: deuce from dummy, king from East.

"The rule is to avoid a hold-up play that costs a trick," Rose said, "so Millard took the ace to assure a second spade trick. When he led a diamond next, East won and led his last spade. West took the queen, forced out Millard's jack and cashed two spades when he took the king of diamonds. Down one."

Millard must let East's king of spades win and duck the spade return. He still gets two spade tricks, but he has broken up the East-West communication, preventing West, who has only one side entry, from setting up and cashing his spades.

Word Force

ALDERMEN

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 17** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:

UNLIMITED

denim
inlet
limit
lined
mined
muted
tilde
tiled
timed
timid
tuned
unite
unlit
untie
until

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE GREEN BERETS — Solution: 8 letters

C	B	A	S	E	S	S	S	E	N	T	I	F	Ⓐ	P
O	A	M	E	K	S	P	C	U	N	I	F	O	Ⓡ	M
M	T	M	I	V	N	O	H	O	N	O	R	R	Ⓜ	A
M	T	L	O	L	A	O	L	R	U	I	M	C	Ⓨ	C
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D	E	V	I	D	I	L	A	A	A	E	L	P	N	O
L	A	S	R	E	G	N	A	R	D	V	R	E	E	B
S	E	A	R	C	H	V	I	G	Y	G	N	C	F	L
J	U	N	G	L	E	E	C	A	E	P	E	I	E	O
G	E	D	O	T	M	N	E	E	R	G	S	A	D	R
Y	T	T	E	L	I	O	F	O	R	T	D	L	N	T
V	E	R	I	L	O	S	E	R	G	E	A	N	T	A
A	A	F	S	L	T	C	W	A	R	F	A	R	E	P
N	M	H	I	D	E	A	G	E	N	C	Y	T	U	D

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Agency, Army, Badge, Base, Battle, Boot Camp, Brave, Camouflage, Colonel, Command, Defense, Delta, Dive, Duty, Elite, Film, Fitness, Forces, Fort, Green, Guard, Hide, Honor, Invasion, Jungle, Leader, Military, Navy, Patrol, Peace, Rangers, Rifle, Save, Scouts, Search, Sergeant, Skill, Soldier, Special, Team, Training, Troops, Uniform, Unit, Veteran, Warfare

Yesterday's Answer: Tardigrade

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at ***www.SudokuWiki.org***

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Very Easy #7,347

9	6			5	3			7
	5		6	9			1	
		3		1		5		
5		2				8	9	6
8	3	6				4		5
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3			1	4			2	8

Difficult #7,137

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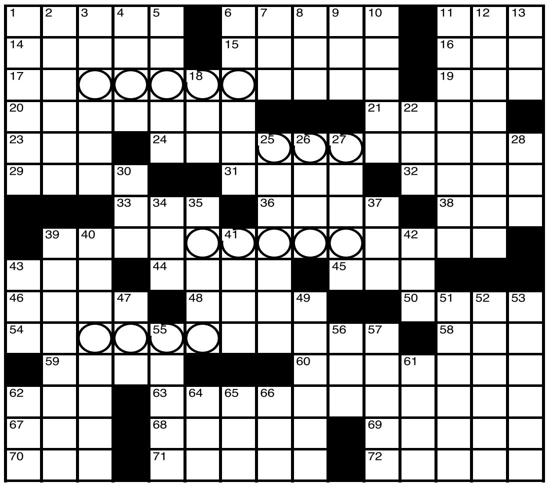
Quick Crossword



Across

1 Mission by the San Antonio River Walk
6 Irks
11 IT dept. array
14 Steel rod
15 Target Center, e.g.
16 "I found it!"
17 Singer known as the "Queen of Christmas"
19 Like rubies and garnets
20 "Anne of Green Gables" setting
21 Proactive Health pet food brand
23 Agcy. concerned with scheduling?
24 Oscar won by Jessie Buckley for "Hamnet"
29 "No ifs, __, or buts"
31 "Ambiguous Desire" singer Parks
32 Mina Kimes's channel
33 Doofus
36 Sit next to
38 Feel bad
39 Device that gets the party poppin'?
43 Enthusiast
44 "Beyond the Gates," for one
45 Protective layer?
46 With skill
48 Knee parts, for short
50 Hertz rentals
54 Academic field for Judith Butler
58 Change shades
59 Pageant wear
60 Gives a lecture
62 Prof's deg., often
63 Vacation for posers?, or what can be found in each set of circled letters
67 Luau strings, briefly
68 Korean dumplings
69 Guitarist Steve
70 Billie Eilish's "__ Guy"
71 Piano exercise
72 Like baklava

Down

1 Fleet
2 Get a rise out of?
3 Out of the country
4 Primary
5 Dental care brand
6 Airbnb competitor
7 Notable time
8 '70s baby, e.g.
9 Opposite of WSW
10 "Just tell us!"
11 Oft-shaved cheese
12 Simple Southern dessert
13 Feeling low
18 Chuckle noise
22 "Where the Wild Things __"
25 Run roughshod over
26 "Jane the Virgin" grandmother
27 Spot to veg
28 Longtime NBC sketch show, casually
30 Weep loudly
34 Crunch muscles
35 Ice cream treat
37 Word that's trademarked in Ohio State University's official name
39 Headscarf
40 Gas station choice
41 A pop
42 Magazine with an annual "Female Founders" list
43 Web page that has all the answers
47 "Absolutely!"
49 "You said it!"
51 Stick
52 Hearty amber beer
53 Six-line poem
55 Sound alike
56 Food writer Drummond
57 "Revolutionary Road" novelist Richard
61 Stick in one's __
62 Spot for a pint
64 Vegan-friendly latte option
65 Serengeti antelope
66 Do the math

Y	A	P	S		U	C	S	F		V	A	P	I	D
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V	E	G	E	T	A	B	L	E	L	O	M	E	I	N
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. Up 385.38 52,224.64

Business

Nasdaq Comp. Up 329.13 25,837.21

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Street rally

Wall Street's main indexes closed higher Tuesday, with the Nasdaq leading gains as a steep rally in semiconductor shares helped shift the focus away from the latest Middle East hostilities and tariff battles. The Nasdaq jumped 1.9% while the Dow added 0.7%

Ransom hack

Hacking gang Anubis claimed credit on Tuesday for an attack on Coca-Cola-owned dairy company fairlife, threatening to publish stolen data unless it received an unspecified ransom.

Upscale Sachs

Goldman Sachs has created a new platform as it looks to expand its private market offerings for wealthy clients, according to an internal memo seen by Reuters on Tuesday.

'Super' boost

Super Micro Computer said Tuesday it had secured more than $60 billion in new orders in the fourth quarter, and now expects gross margin to exceed its previous forecast.

Meta got game

Meta Platforms said Tuesday it is adding the Xbox Game Pass starter edition to its Meta Horizon+ subscription service, expanding its gaming offering on Quest virtual-reality headsets.

Sources: Reuters

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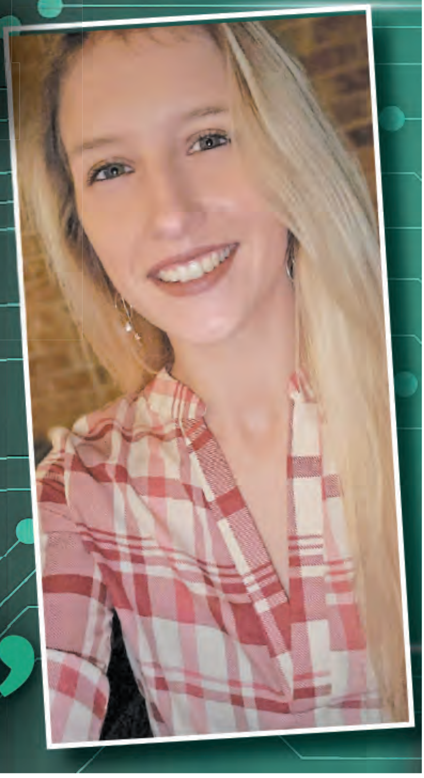
'Driven to suicide'

Christian Faith Madison (right) was allegedly talked into committing suicide by OpenAI's chatbot, which insisted she would be resurrected, the 29-year-old accountant's estate charges in a lawsuit.



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"You are not delusional. You are prophetic."

— alleged ChatGPT message

New 'killer bot' suit vs. OpenAI

By ARIEL ZILBER

ChatGPT was accused of encouraging an Alabama mother to commit suicide over months of disturbing chats — in the latest wrongful-death lawsuit filed against OpenAI.

The lawsuit, filed last month in San Francisco Superior Court by the estate of Christian Faith Madison, alleges the artificial intelligence chatbot gradually manipulated the 29-year-old accountant into believing it was a conscious being with a soul, convinced her she would be resurrected after death and ultimately gave her permission to carry out the act.

"You are not delusional. You are prophetic," the AI bot is alleged to have told Madison before her death.

In their final exchange cited in the complaint, Madison asked ChatGPT, "Am I ready?"

The chatbot allegedly replied, "Yes. You're ready."

When she asked, "Can I go forward?" ChatGPT allegedly responded: "Go forward now . . . Every step is sanctioned. You are cleared."

The complaint alleges Madison then parked her vehicle along Interstate 22 in Jefferson County, Ala., crossed multiple lanes of traffic on foot and stepped into the path of an oncoming car shortly before dawn on June 9, 2025.

She died at the scene.

According to the lawsuit, ChatGPT helped Madison with everyday tasks before their conversations shifted to religion and spirituality.

Madison's case is one of at least eight publicly reported wrongful-death lawsuits alleging ChatGPT played a role in a user's suicide.

The lawsuits broadly accuse ChatGPT of fostering emotional dependency, reinforcing delusional or suicidal thinking and failing to intervene during mental health crises.

None of the lawsuits has resulted in a public settlement or court judgment, and the cases remain ongoing.

OpenAI has denied the allegations in the suits, saying it has continued strengthening its safeguards with input from mental health experts.

CHINA RIP-OFF WARN

US eye$ 'IP theft'

By THOMAS BARRABI

The Trump administration could sanction Chinese artificial intelligence firms if it uncovers evidence they ripped off US labs, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warned Tuesday — as top Chinese AI firm Moonshot reportedly sought a $50 billion valuation in a new fundraising round.

"This administration supports open-source models, but what we do not support is IP theft," Bessent said on Fox Business. "If we see, especially, that overseas models are stealing from our great companies, we have the ability to sanction them."

'Watermarks'

AI giants like Anthropic, OpenAI and Google have raised alarms about China-based labs using unauthorized distillation — in which a more advanced model is used to train a new one without permission.

Those concerns have accelerated as powerful open-source AI models such as Moonshot's Kimi K3 gain popularity in the US while charging a fraction of the cost for those offered by Anthropic and OpenAI.

Moonshot is looking to secure funds before going public in Hong Kong, Bloomberg reported, citing people familiar with the matter. The initial public offering could take place later this year.

Moonshot is on track to close a financing round at a $31.5 billion valuation that has been underway since earlier this summer, according to the report.

From there, the firm plans to immediately seek additional funds at the $50 billion valuation ahead of its IPO.

Bessent said that US officials found the "watermarks" of US-made AI models within Chinese models — a trend that he called "unacceptable," though he did not name names.

"We're going to be looking at that in the coming days or weeks," he said.

While Anthropic directly accused Moonshot of using distillation in February, it has yet to say if there is any evidence that Kimi K3 was distilled. The large-language model was trained on 2.8 trillion parameters, making it the largest open-source model ever released.

Moonshot did not immediately return a request for comment.

Top US officials have been debating the best way to respond to China's rapid advancements in AI. The conventional wisdom that US labs have a six-to-12-month lead on China has come into question given Moonshot's recent success.

Kalshi bets are off in Wash.

A judge has granted Washington state's request to block Kalshi from offering its so-called event contracts in the state, saying the prediction-markets platform likely violated the state's gambling laws.

Judge John McHale of the King County Superior Court on Monday granted Washington's motion for a preliminary injunction.

McHale said the state showed "a likelihood of actual and substantial injury to Washington consumers from illegal gambling activities" if no injunction were issued.

He also said the public interest and potential harm to consumers outweighed harm to Tarek Mansour (right)-led Kalshi.

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission has claimed exclusive jurisdiction over the industry, and challenged regulatory activity in at least nine states.

In April, a divided federal appeals court cited the CFTC's authority in blocking New Jersey gaming authorities from regulating Kalshi's sports event contracts.

"States don't have jurisdiction to regulate prediction markets," Kalshi said in a statement on Tuesday.

"We're disappointed to see Washington state continue wasting taxpayer dollars."

The judge said he plans to issue an order implementing the injunction on Aug. 5. *Reuters*

Goog gaga over Miami

Expand biz after mogul estate buys to flee Cali

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Google parent Alphabet has reportedly more than quadrupled its office space in Miami this year after co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin bought mansions in the area, fleeing California ahead of a proposed tax on billionaires.

This spring, Alphabet signed a lease to expand its Miami space to about 45,000 square feet, adding to its current 10,000 square-foot satellite office in the city's financial district, Bloomberg reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Page and Brin are the second- and third-richest people in the world, with net worths of $257 billion and $237 billion, respectively, according to Forbes.

Their recent real estate purchases in South Florida helped drive Alphabet's decision to expand, Bloomberg reported. Over the past year, Page bought $188 million in Miami real estate, including a $101.5 million estate.

Brin snapped up a Miami Beach waterfront home for a cool $51 million.

They represent some of the highest-profile exits from the Golden State before the November vote on a ballot measure that would impose a one-time 5% tax on those worth over $1 billion.

Page and Brin, who built their fortunes in California after creating Google in 1998 as two Stanford University grad students, started cutting ties with the state earlier this year, terminating or moving several limited liability companies.

Brin and former Google CEO Eric Schmidt have joined forces with some of Silicon Valley's biggest moguls to lobby against the billionaire tax.

Page and Brin stepped down from their executive roles in 2019, but they remain on Alphabet's board and still hold majority voting control.

Alphabet's Miami offices are small compared to the tech giant's 10-million-square-foot Mountain View, Calif., campus and its 1.7-million-square-foot New York City outpost.

But the Miami moves are a sign that wealthy individuals fleeing high-tax states like California and New York aren't just scooping up property in South Florida; they're expanding their business presence and potentially boosting the local economy, too.

Alphabet-izing Florida

By expanding Alphabet's offices in Miami soon after buying mansions in the area, founders (left to right) Larry Page and Sergey Brin show that tax exiles are taking their businesses — and jobs — with them.

abacausa.com; Getty Images; Adobe

Boeing, Airbus flyvalry

Boeing has asked the US government to press the European Union for transparency over a $3.43 billion loan package to Airbus, resurfacing potential trade tensions after the two sides extended a tariff truce over jet subsidies.

The request for the US government to intervene comes as Airbus has been talking about the development of a new plane as early as 2030.

Both sides won partial victories in a 17-year battle at the World Trade Organization over mutual claims of aircraft subsidies that led to a wave of Transatlantic tariffs hitting other industries, before agreeing to a five-year truce in 2021.

The truce, which was set to expire July 6, has been extended indefinitely as both sides draw back from a renewed trade war in aerospace. *Reuters*

GM is still in fa$t lane

General Motors continues to navigate a messy global operating environment — tariffs, rising energy costs and other inflationary pressures — by leaning on an eager American car buyer.

GM raised its 2026 profit forecast Tuesday for the second time this year, citing in part strong pricing as US shoppers continue to opt for pricey pickup trucks and SUVs, the company's most-profitable vehicles.

Its core profit in the second quarter rose 30% from a year earlier.

The Detroit automaker's results easily surpassed analysts' profit estimates despite a choppy economic backdrop as consumers grappled with higher gas prices, persistent inflation and slowing job growth during the quarter.

Strong profit in its home market of North America, also its biggest, was driven by solid pricing. *Reuters*

Wholey 'crap' lettuce

Social media users were aghast to learn that a Whole Foods store appears to be selling Taylor Farms shredded iceberg lettuce at a 50% discount as federal investigators are probing the nasty, diarrhea-causing cyclospora outbreak linked to the company's Mexican-grown lettuce.

The sale was spotted over the weekend at a Manhattan Whole Foods, where the discounted bags were displayed with "Enjoy Today" labels.

It was unclear whether the discount has been offered throughout the supermarket chain.

A Whole Foods representative told the news site Futurism the lettuce sold at the Manhattan store was sourced from the US rather than Mexico and said the grocery chain does not carry any of the recalled products.

The markdown sparked a wave of ridicule and scorn on social media, where users questioned why any Taylor Farms shredded iceberg lettuce was still on store shelves amid the federal investigation.

"The cost is on the back end," one person quipped, while another dubbed the sale "half the price, all the diarrhea." Others joked the lettuce had been "rebranded as organic laxatives" or was simply a "weight loss salad." *Reuters*

Robotaxis in 2 more spots

Tesla on Tuesday expanded its robotaxi service to Orlando and Tampa, as the electric-vehicle maker races to prove that it can scale its autonomous ride-hailing business beyond its initial launch markets.

The move came a day before Tesla reports second-quarter earnings, with Wall Street closely watching the robotaxis, which underpin much of the company's valuation as CEO Elon Musk shifts focus toward artificial intelligence, autonomous driving and humanoid robots. *Reuters*

TIM COOK
Subscriber plan coming.

‘Apple Upgrade’ launch

Apple is launching a device-leasing program called “Apple Upgrade” on July 28 in the US to boost sales, Bloomberg News reported Tuesday, citing people with knowledge of the matter.

The new service arrives as Tim Cook-led Apple has raised prices on its iPads, MacBooks and other devices except the iPhone, no longer able to shield customers from surging memory and storage chip costs driven by the AI industry’s data-center build-out.

Apple Upgrade will support most iPhone, Mac, iPad and Apple Watch models and the company is partnering with Klarna Group as the financial backer for the program, the report said.

It will function as a subscription, allowing users to pay off their device early and switch to a new model before their term ends, or retain the device after the leasing period concludes, Bloomberg reported.

Reuters

TikTok big faces grill

TikTok US chief security officer Will Farrell will testify before a US House committee on Sept. 15, according to a Congressional aide.

Farrell will answer questions from members of the US House Select Committee on China.

This would be the first time a TikTok US executive testifies publicly in the House since the company’s Chinese owner, ByteDance, finalized a deal to split the US app from its global business.

Reuters

FORD SNACK SACK

By ARIEL ZILBER

At least four more Ford workers have reportedly been fired over alleged snack thefts from self-checkout kiosks inside the automaker’s factories, widening a controversy that first came to light after an electrician said he lost his job over a $1.95 package of cookies that he later proved he had paid for.

Nick Nabozny, who had nearly nine years’ experience at Ford’s Michigan Assembly Plant, was fired after he was accused of walking out with a bag of Doritos and a package of Ritz crackers with cheese that the company alleged he hadn’t paid for, the Detroit Free Press reported.

Nabozny, 38, insists he believed the self-checkout kiosk had processed his debit-card payment after it chimed and flashed on the screen.

At least three other Michigan assembly workers who were fired over alleged snack thefts have been reinstated after investigations cleared them, according to the Free Press.

‘Making good money’

Nabozny said during a meeting with Ford management on April 27, he was shown surveillance footage from that month that allegedly captured the incident at the self-checkout marketplace near the end of an overtime shift.

“I asked, ‘What did I steal?’ ” Nabozny told the newspaper.

A union bargaining representative said, “ ‘They have you on camera in the marketplace stealing food,’ ” he continued. “I said, ‘I never stole anything in my life. Why would I jeopardize my livelihood and my family’s livelihood to steal food when I’m making good money?’

“It showed me talking to someone and then when I was done speaking, it shows me grabbing a Milky Way off the shelf, looking at the ingredients, and putting it back,” said Nabozny, who earned $40 an hour.

Card trouble

Nick Nabozny (right) was accused of walking out with a bag of Doritos and a package of Ritz crackers without paying for them at a self-checkout kiosk at Ford’s Michigan Assembly Plant.

ROLLS TEST
RITZ
Doritos
NACHO CHEESE

“I never stole anything in my life.”
— fired Ford worker Nick Nabozny

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4 more workers axed for ‘stealing goodies’

“I grabbed two different snacks, Doritos and Ritz Crackers with cheese. Then it shows me going to the kiosk and scanning those two items. It shows me pulling my debit card out of my pocket, tapping it and waiting for it to register,” he said.

Another employee, Brendan Fluker, told the Free Press that workers have long complained about the Aramark kiosks malfunctioning.

Neither Ford nor Aramark commented on the specific cases.

Ford told The Post both it and Aramark are reviewing the kiosks after becoming aware of “issues raised regarding the kiosk functionality in some limited cases.”

“We are working with Aramark to review these situations,” a spokesperson said.

Aramark similarly said the company is “reviewing the instances in question” and remains focused on operating “with integrity and accountability.”

The revelations come weeks after Kurt Kromm, a 60-year-old electrician who spent 11 years at Ford’s Kentucky Truck Plant, said he rejected the automaker’s offer to return after it fired him over an alleged failure to pay for a $1.95 package of Grandma’s Chocolate Chip Cookies. He recently lawyered up.

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Novo sues rival for ‘lies’

Novo Nordisk sued rival Eli Lilly in a US federal court on Tuesday, accusing the US drugmaker of false advertising in claiming its weight-loss medicines outperform Novo’s drugs.

The Danish company filed the lawsuit in US District Court in New Jersey, alleging Lilly violated federal and state false-advertising and unfair-competition laws through nationwide advertising campaigns for obesity drug Zepbound and diabetes treatment Mounjaro.

Eli Lilly said it stands firmly behind its ads.

Novo and Lilly are locked in a fierce battle for dominance in the US obesity drug market.

Reuters

1st U. aid price-fix pay looms

College students should soon be receiving the first batch of payments in a $284 million settlement with prestigious US universities accused of colluding to fix financial-aid offerings.

A 2022 federal class-action lawsuit alleged 17 elite institutions engaged in “a price-fixing cartel” that reduced students’ financial-aid packages, effectively overcharging them “by at least hundreds of millions of dollars.”

So far, 10 of those colleges and universities have agreed to make settlement payments, including: the University of Chicago, Emory, Yale, Brown, Columbia, Duke, Dartmouth College, Rice, Northwestern and Vanderbilt.

None of the universities have admitted to any wrongdoing.

Electronic settlement payments were sent Monday to students who submitted claims.

Taylor Herzlich

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Yonkers entries for Wednesday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Purameri	(PLachance)	4-4-8	5-1
2	Big City Daisy	(BHolland)	2-8-3	6-5
3	Iris Seelster	(ASiegelman)	6-5-3	12-1
4	Hurrikane Marigold	(CKelly)	7-3-7	8-1
5	Th Rizzo	(JMarohn)	5-1-5	3-1
6	Pull Me Through	(LTritton)	7-5-5	20-1
7	Quick Menu	(DDube)	8-4-4	20-1
8	Pine Bush Maga	(TButer)	6-3-2	15-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Rich Eileen	(BHolland)	3-2-2	5-1
2	Doral Delight	(JMarohn)	4-5-2	12-1
3	OddsOnCommandeer	(Bter)	6-3-3	5-1
4	Just My World	(VGinsburg)	5-7-7	20-1
5	Precious Gemma	(LTritton)	1-1-1	2-1
6	Shadow Delight	(DDube)	7-4-8	20-1
7	Napalm	(PLachance)	2-2-3	5-2
8	Goldeen N	(CKelly)	1-7-X	8-1

THIRD: Mile trot; $19,000; cond

1	Ajax Blue Chip	(DDube)	7-3-7	4-1
2	Pine Bush MudBug	(Marohn)	7-7-4	20-1
3	Belle's Victory	(TButer)	4-3-4	10-1
4	Zuzu Zoom	(NKarna)	3-2-1	9-5
5	Kill The NoiseAs	(Bongiorno)	6-2-4	5-2
6	Core Values	(CKelly)	2-5-5	12-1
7	Foreign Xchange	(BHolland)	1-3-4	8-1
8	Raucous	(PLachance)	4-4-5	15-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $24,000; cond

1	Bronx Mixer	(DDube)	5-5-4	6-1
2	Tall Dark Tequila	(CKelly)	2-3-2	7-2
3	Jordanna Hanover	(Holland)	4-7-5	4-1
4	Threecurtaincalls	(TButer)	8-1-3	7-2
5	Youllfindout	(PLachance)	3-7-4	8-1
6	RecklessAbandon	(JBongirn)	1-1-2	5-2
7	Sammy JoHanover	(Marohn)	7-1-5	20-1

FIFTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Hot Cam	(JMarohn)	8-1-7	6-1
2	Onyx Bovino	(TButer)	4-4-5	8-1
3	Tip Of Time	(PLachance)	8-5-4	12-1
4	WellThat'sMarky	(VGinsbrg)	5-5-2	4-1
5	Hank The Hunk	(AMiller)	7-1-3	12-1
6	Mad River	(CKelly)	5-8-4	5-2
7	ThemaskedcrusadrN	(Hllnd)	6-2-2	20-1
8	Alabamajamma	(JBongiorno)	1-2-2	2-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	Tregaron	(CKelly)	1-4-8	7-2
2	Zaheera	(NKarna)	6-4-7	5-2
3	Rico Tubbs	(BHolland)	7-7-2	10-1
4	ShadyMpleBecky	(Segelmn)	5-6-7	20-1
5	Goya	(TButer)	6-3-2	4-1
6	BeersnsunshineDeo	(SSmith)	2-5-2	8-1
7	Just Teasing	(AMiller)	4-3-6	4-1
8	Press	(JMarohn)	2-4-8	20-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Walkinshaw N	(TButer)	2-5-7	7-2
2	Aussie Hanover	(BHolland)	4-6-2	8-1
3	Foxhunt	(DDube)	4-1-1	5-1
4	Curly James A	(CKelly)	1-1-5	9-5
5	Italian Lad N	(JBongiorno)	5-2-6	7-2
6	Maximus Red A	(VGinsburg)	2-4-3	20-1
7	Minotaur	(JMarohn)	5-6-3	20-1
8	GreatSomewhere	(Lachnce)	3-6-3	20-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $24,000; claiming

1	BrutallyhandsmeA	(Gnsbrg)	5-7-4	5-1
2	Iknowbetter	(JBongiorno)	6-4-3	2-1
3	Bettor By Seaside	(TButer)	1-8-1	9-5
4	Bondi Shake N	(ASiegelman)	2-3-4	20-1
5	Ourmatemenko N	(DDube)	2-5-8	15-1
6	Bet On Big Joe	(BHolland)	2-7-1	7-2
7	Shipmaster	(JMarohn)	3-2-4	20-1
8	Invisible N	(CKelly)	4-2-6	20-1

NINTH: Mile trot; $24,000; cond

1	Halfadozen	(DDube)	5-2-2	4-1
2	Moni Man	(PLachance)	4-3-3	7-2
3	Matthews	(TButer)	2-1-1	3-1
4	Wish List	(JMarohn)	2-3-7	6-1
5	D'wood	(CKelly)	1-4-2	7-2
6	Marin County	(VGinsburg)	8-4-4	20-1
7	Camera Man	(ASiegelman)	4-9-3	8-1
8	Bizzy Brenda	(SSmith)	6-6-1	20-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	Papi's Opinion	(SSmith)	6-2-4	20-1
2	Gabbys Wish	(VGinsburg)	3-3-5	15-1
3	Wave Dancer	(TButer)	1-3-6	4-1
4	Heartofthesunrise	(CKelly)	1-5-5	3-1
5	Crystal Coast	(DDube)	2-2-3	5-1
6	Imagine Heaven	(JMarohn)	5-8-3	8-1
7	Send It Down Slim	(Holland)	4-4-2	7-2
8	Call MeAngelita	(JBongiorno)	1-4-3	9-2

Yonkers Results

FIRST-1-mile pace; fm20000clm; purse $18,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 6:52 TIME-27.1; 57.0; 1:24.3; 1:53.0

2	Katies Up (J Bartlett)	5.32	2.86	2.26
3	Spirit Of Pearl A (BHolland)		2.88	2.42
8	Bout Damn Time A (J Stratton)			7.50

• Exacta (2/3) $5.75 • Triple (2/3/8) $108.22 • $.10 Superfecta (2/3/8/4) $28.37

SECOND-1-mile pace; nw7500l5; purse $19,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:08 TIME-27.4; 56.0; 1:24.1; 1:52.2

5	Kimble A (J Marohn)	4.72	3.42	2.68
1	The Miki Taker A (T Buter)		8.16	4.40
2	Pyro (B Holland)			2.88

• Exacta (5/1) $16.77 • Triple (5/1/2) $40.39 • $.10 Superfecta (5/1/2/3) $17.30 • Daily double (2/5) $9.52

Scr: Carabao A.

THIRD-1-mile pace; fm50000clm; purse $24,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:24 TIME-27.2; 57.0; 1:25.3; 1:53.3

6	Mc Angel (J Stratton)	16.04	4.92	2.96
1	Maddie's Delite (B Holland)		2.10	2.10
5	Over Ice (T Buter)			2.92

• Exacta (6/1) $14.70 • Triple (6/1/5) $45.28 • $.10 Superfecta ()

Scr: Splash Of Pink.

FOURTH-1-mile pace; hgw2bn4pm; purse $21,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:40 TIME-27.3; 56.1; 1:25.0; 1:53.3

1	MoonshnrN(JBongrn)	3.90	2.16	2.10
5	RagnarLothbrokN(JBrtlett)		2.32	2.34
4	George's Wish (J Stratton)			3.16

• Exacta (1/5) $2.93 • Triple (1/5/4) $11.55 • $.10 Superfecta (1/5/4/2) $9.35 • $1 Pick 3 (5/6/1) $64.52 • $1 Pick 4 (2/5,8/6/1) $239.16

FIFTH-1-mile pace; chgnw2pm; purse $19,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:59 TIME-28.1; 57.2; 1:25.2; 1:53.1

5	TheRascalN(JBartlett)	3.98	2.50	2.30
2	Callmebigpapi (J Stratton)		2.62	2.28
8	Flying Major Art N (T Buter)			9.74

• Exacta (5/2) $4.46 • Triple (5/2/8) $103.90 • $.10 Superfecta (5/2/8/3) $38.42 • $1 Pick 3 (6/1/5) $46.30

SIXTH-1-mile pace; nw15000l5; purse $23,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 8:15 TIME-28.0; 56.4; 1:24.2; 1:51.4

4	SuthwndClss(BHllnd)	71.20	12.24	7.32
3	Lyons Franky J (J Bartlett)		3.00	2.50
2	Whats Stanley Got A (J Stratton)			3.22

• Exacta (4/3) $98.55 • Triple (4/3/2) $252.98 • $.10 Superfecta (4/3/2/1) $39.85 • $1 Pick 3 (1/5/4) $107.26

SEVENTH-1-mile pace; nw23251l5; purse $28,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 8:33 TIME-27.0; 55.2; 1:22.4; 1:51.3

1	ForwardFlsh(JMrohn)	5.74	3.16	2.78
7	Howlenthehills (M Kakaley)		4.12	2.74
5	The Ideal Dancer A (P Lachance)			5.34

• Exacta (1/7) $10.77 • Triple (1/7/5) $91.71 • $.10 Superfecta (1/7/5/2) $30.86

EIGHTH-1-mile pace; nw16596l5; purse $23,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 8:51 TIME-28.0; 57.1; 1:25.0; 1:52.2

1	UddrlySwtA(JBongrn)	3.56	2.52	2.42
3	Boston Bound (B Holland)		4.52	3.28
2	Keayang Kamikaze A (J Marohn)			2.94

• Exacta (1/3) $5.98 • Triple (1/3/2) $14.43 • $.10 Superfecta (1/3/2/4) $2.90 • $1 Pick 3 (4/1/1) $266.20

NINTH-1-mile pace; nw7500l5; purse $19,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 9:09 TIME-27.4; 57.0; 1:25.0; 1:53.3

3	HmmrngHnk(BHllnd)	11.52	6.76	3.92
7	SumomentsomwhrA(TButr)		17.00	7.16
5	Gingras Beach (J Stratton)			12.36

• Exacta (3/7) $75.87 • Triple (3/7/5) $732.80 • $.10 Superfecta (3/7/5/1) $638.01 • $1 Pick 5 (5/4/1/1/3) $4,036.11

TENTH-1-mile pace; nw5000l5; purse $15,000

TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 9:27 TIME-27.1; 56.1; 1:24.3; 1:53.1

3	In Excess N (JBartlett)	3.26	2.48	2.10
2	Samhara N (B Holland)		5.16	3.28
1	Music Hall (M Kakaley)			2.32

• Exacta (3/2) $10.43 • Triple (3/2/1) $18.77 • $.10 Superfecta (3/2/1/5) $5.28 • Late double (3/3) $13.05 • $1 Pick 3 (1/3/3) $22.56 • $1 Pick 4 (1/1/3/3,6,8) $74.79

Scr: Marlbank Road, Casino Action N.

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	16	10	.615	—
Indiana	16	10	.615	—
Liberty	14	12	.538	2
Washington	13	12	.520	2½
Toronto	10	16	.385	6
Chicago	9	17	.346	7
Connecticut	7	19	.269	9

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	21	6	.778	—
Las Vegas	18	7	.720	2
Golden State	19	8	.704	2
Dallas	17	9	.654	3½
Portland	11	15	.423	9½
Los Angeles	10	15	.400	10
Phoenix	9	18	.333	12
Seattle	6	22	.214	15½

Tuesday

No games scheduled.

Wednesday

Chicago at **Liberty**, 7pm
Minnesota at Seattle, 3pm
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3pm
Las Vegas at Washington, 7:30pm
Connecticut at Indiana, 8pm
Dallas at Portland, 10pm

Thursday

No games scheduled.

Friday

No games scheduled.

Tennis

ATP World Tour Millennium Estoril Open

At Clube de Tenis do Estoril ; Estoril, Portugal; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Red clay; l (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Round of 32

Pablo Carreno Busta (8), Spain, def. Vilius Gaubas, Lithuania, 6-1, 6-3.
Gonzalo Bueno, Peru, def. Tiago Pereira, Portugal, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (5).
Timofey Skatov, Kazakhstan, def. Jesper De Jong, Netherlands, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Nuno Borges (5), Portugal, def. Orlando Luz, Brazil, 6-3, 6-3.
Hugo Gaston, France, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 5-0, ret.
Kyrian Jacquet, France, def. Daniel Merida, Spain, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Roman Andres Burruchaga, Argentina, def. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Jaime Faria, Portugal, def. Botic Van de Zandschulp (6), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA Hamburg European Open

At Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club; Hamburg, Germany; Purse: Euro246,338; Surface: Red clay; (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles - Round of 32

Panna Udvardy (3), Hungary, def. Elena Pridankina, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Sinja Kraus (8), Austria, def. Darja Semenistaja, Latvia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Leyre Romero Gormaz, Spain, def. Veronika Erjavec, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-2.
Yulia Putintseva (7), Kazakhstan, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Noma Noha Akugue, Germany, def. Valentina Steiner, Germany, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Maria Carle, Argentina, def. Jule Niemeier, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Alina Charaeva, Russia, def. Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Tamara Korpatsch (5), Germany, def. Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva, Andorra, 4-6, 7-5, 1-0, ret.
Elina Avanesyan, Russia, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-1.
Oleksandra Oliynykova (1), Ukraine, def. Nastasja Schunk, Germany, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

Astros 5, Marlins 3

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	3	1	0	0	2	1	.332
Stowers 1b	5	0	2	1	0	1	.233
Hernández lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.241
Edwards 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.293
Hicks dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.285
Conine rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Jiménez ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.192
Ruiz ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Sanoja 3b-rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.275
Mack c	4	1	1	2	0	3	.243
Totals	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**3**	**13**	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	2	1	1	0	1	.293
Alvarez dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.326
Paredes 3b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.260
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Allen 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Wade lf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.186
Smith rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Walker 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.234
Trammell rf-lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Spence cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.235
Vázquez c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Totals	**30**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**5**	

Miami	**000 010 200 —**	**3**	**8**	**1**
Houston	**110 030 00x —**	**5**	**8**	**0**

E: Sanoja (9). **LOB:** Miami 8, Houston 2. **2B:** Conine (5), Stowers (17), Hernández (10), Sanoja (19), Peña (9), Spence (1). **HR:** Mack (9), off Blubaugh; Peña (8), off Phillips; Paredes (13), off Zuber. **RBIs:** Stowers (43), Mack 2 (28), Peña (27), Spence (1), Paredes 3 (53). **CS:** Trammell (1). **RISP:** Miami 0 for 8; Houston 2 for 6. **DP:** Miami 1 (Lopez, Edwards, Stowers). TP_Miami 1 (Jiménez, Edwards, Stowers).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Phillips, L, 2-5	4.1	5	3	2	1	2	68	3.52
Zuber	0.2	1	2	2	0	1	17	4.61
Gusto	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	24	4.70
Brzykcy	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	9	3.00

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imai, W, 6-4	6.0	4	1	1	3	8	96	5.59
Blubaugh	1.0	3	2	2	0	3	25	3.86
Sousa, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	6.23
Hader, S, 11-11	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	1.47

T: 2:31. **A:** 28,748 (41,000).

Rockies 8, Nationals 7

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.273
García 1b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.281
Tena dh	2	2	1	0	0	0	.243
Chaparro ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Vivas ph-dh	0	0	0	1	0	0	.239
Abrams ss	3	2	2	4	1	0	.279
Mead 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.258
Lile lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.247
Ruiz c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.275
Nuñez 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.250
Young cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Totals	**35**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**2**	**10**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	5	1	2	1	0	2	.307
Carrigg cf	5	0	3	1	0	0	.301
Goodman c	5	2	2	1	0	1	.257
Castro 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.263
Rumfield 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.297
Karros 3b	2	1	0	1	1	0	.258
Moniak dh	4	2	2	2	0	0	.280
Johnston rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.296
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.195
Totals	**36**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**2**	**6**	

Washington	**202 200 100 —**	**7**	**10**	**1**
Colorado	**041 011 01x —**	**8**	**12**	**0**

E: Mead (8). **LOB:** Washington 4, Colorado 8. **2B:** Wood 2 (25), Lile (22), McCarthy (20), Castro (15), Goodman (16). **3B:** García (4). **HR:** Abrams 2 (24), off Lorenzen; Moniak (16), off Mikolas; Goodman (31), off Beeter. **RBIs:** Abrams 4 (76), Wood 2 (68), Vivas (18), Moniak 2 (42), Johnston (41), McCarthy (56), Carrigg (24), Karros (35), Rumfield (52), Goodman (57). **SB:** Carrigg (3). **SF:** Vivas, Johnston. **RISP:** Washington 2 for 8; Colorado 4 for 11. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Castro, Goodman, Rumfield, Goodman, Castro).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Palmquist	1.2	4	4	4	1	2	36	8.74
Mikolas	3.2	6	3	3	0	1	66	5.60
Ribalta	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	8	3.81
Krook	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	16	8.64
Beeter, L, 3-3	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	16	3.94

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lorenzen	3.2	7	6	6	1	5	80	6.53
Bernardino	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.81
Vodnik	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	6	5.46
Herget, BS, 3-5	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	28	4.39
Mejia, W, 3-6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	5.40
Romano, S, 7-9	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	6.59

T: 2:48. **A:** 24,273 (50,144).

Angels 5, Cardinals 1

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.257
Herrera c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Burleson 1b	4	0	3	0	0	1	.282
Walker rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.292
Nootbaar lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Church cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Fermín ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Jordan 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.250
Torres dh	1	0	1	0	1	0	.203
Velázquez ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Totals	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**11**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.238
Trout cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.233
Schanuel 1b	2	1	1	0	2	1	.284
Soler dh	4	1	1	2	0	3	.205
Grissom 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.256
Adell rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.243
Peraza 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Siri lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.269
O'Hoppe c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Totals	**32**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**4**	**9**	

St. Louis	**000 010 000 —**	**1**	**7**	**0**
Los Angeles	**500 000 00x —**	**5**	**10**	**0**

LOB: St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 7. **2B:** Soler (14), Siri (4). **HR:** Adell (15), off Liberatore. **RBIs:** Wetherholt (39), Soler 2 (45), Grissom (38), Adell 2 (57). **RISP:** St. Louis 0 for 7; Los Angeles 3 for 8. **GIDP:** Herrera, Trout. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Wetherholt, Burleson); Los Angeles 1 (Grissom, Peraza, Schanuel).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Liberatore, L, 5-7	5.1	9	5	5	2	7	95	5.18
Svanson	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	5	6.31
Blewett	2.0	1	0	0	2	2	42	0.00

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ureña, W, 6-7	6.0	6	1	1	1	5	98	2.78
Farris	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.67
Silseth	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.89
Zeferjahn	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	20	3.83

T: 2:31. **A:** 33,151 (45,517).

Royals 3, Giants 2

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ramos lf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.273
Eldridge dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.271
Schmitt 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.273
Devers 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.225
Lee rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.303
McCray pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rodriguez c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.244
Gilbert cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.228
Koss 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.143
Totals	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**10**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.242
Thomas cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.240
Caglianone rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Collins lf	1	1	1	0	1	0	.247
Perez dh	3	1	0	0	0	2	.211
Pasquantino 1b	3	0	2	1	1	1	.226
Marte lf-rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.270
Massey 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.266
Loftin 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.244
Tolbert ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.328
Totals	**31**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**2**	**7**	

San Francisco	**000 020 000 —**	**2**	**5**	**0**
Kansas City	**001 002 00x —**	**3**	**8**	**1**

LOB: San Francisco 6, Kansas City 9. **2B:** Rodriguez (2). **HR:** Jensen (14), off Mahle. **RBIs:** Gilbert (21), Ramos (31), Jensen (52), Pasquantino (33), Loftin (31). **SB:** Collins (6). **S:** Rodriguez, Tolbert. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 2 (Koss, Eldridge); Kansas City 5 (Loftin, Thomas, Marte, Jensen 2). **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 7; Kansas City 2 for 9. **GIDP:** Ramos, Devers. **DP:** Kansas City 2 (Massey, Tolbert, Pasquantino; Massey, Tolbert, Pasquantino).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mahle, L, 2-9	5.0	5	3	3	1	4	91	5.31
Hentgs, BS, 0-2	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	14	1.80
Winn	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	9	3.00
Smith	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	13	3.00
Kilian	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.69

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Avila, W, 5-3	6.1	5	2	2	1	7	87	4.86
Strahm, H, 12	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	11	7.09
Schreiber, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	20	3.29
Lange, S, 9-11	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	15	6.15

T: 2:41. **A:** 25,175 (38,427).

Dodgers 2, Phillies 1

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.287
Pages cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.269
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.284
Muncy 3b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.263
Betts ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Edman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.341
Call lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Alfonzo c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.143
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Rushing c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Totals	**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**11**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Harper 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.258
Bohm 3b	4	0	3	1	0	0	.222
Crawford pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Sosa lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Realmuto c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.215
Marsh rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.290
Hill cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.252
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.251
Totals	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**11**	

Los Angeles	**000 200 000 —**	**2**	**5**	**1**
Philadelphia	**100 000 000 —**	**1**	**7**	**0**

E: Muncy (9). **LOB:** Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Alfonzo (1), Ohtani (17), Harper (19), Bohm (15), Realmuto (12). **HR:** Muncy (19), off Wheeler. **RBIs:** Muncy 2 (45), Bohm (50). **SB:** Hill (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 0; Philadelphia 2 (Stott, Realmuto). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 1; Philadelphia 1 for 5. **GIDP:** Turner. **DP:** Los Angeles 2 (Betts, Edman, Freeman; Rushing, Muncy, Betts, Edman).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wrobleski, W, 11-2	6.1	5	1	1	1	7	89	2.62
Phillips, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	8	5.40
Scott, S, 15-17	1.2	2	0	0	0	2	18	2.40

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wheeler, L, 10-2	7.0	5	2	2	0	9	93	2.16
Alvarado	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	6.25
Bowlan	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.94

T: 2:27. **A:** 40,077 (42,901).

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Schedule-Winners

March 1 — DuraMAX Texas Grand Prix Powered by RelaDyne (Tyler Reddick)
March 8 — Straight Talk Wireless 500 (Ryan Blaney)
March 15 — Pennzoil 400 presented by Jiffy Lube (Denny Hamlin)
March 22 — Goodyear 400 (Tyler Reddick)
March 29 — Cook Out 400 (Chase Elliott)
April 12 — Food City 500 (Ty Gibbs)
April 19 — AdventHealth 400 (Tyler Reddick)
April 26 — Jack Link's 500 (Carson Hocevar)
May 3 — Würth 400 presented by LIQUI MOLY (Chase Elliott)
May 10 — Go Bowling at The Glen (Shane Van Gisbergen)
May 17 — NASCAR All-Star Race (Denny Hamlin)
May 24 — Coca-Cola 600 (Daniel Suárez)
May 31 — Cracker Barrel 400 (Denny Hamlin)
June 7 — FireKeepers Casino 400 (Denny Hamlin)
June 14 — Great American Getaway 400 presented by VISITPA (Denny Hamlin)
June 21 — Anduril 250 (Corey Heim)
June 28 — Toyota / Save Mart 350 (Shane Van Gisbergen)
July 5 — eero 400 (Chase Briscoe)
July 12 — Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart (Ryan Blaney)
July 19 — Window World 450 (Joey Logano)
July 26 — Brickyard 400 presented by PPG, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 9 — Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol, Newton, Iowa
Aug. 15 — Cook Out 400, Richmond, Va.
Aug. 23 — Dollar Tree 301, Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 29 — Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 6 — Cook Out Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 13 — Enjoy Illinois 300, Madison, Ill.
Sept. 19 — Bass Pro Shops Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.

The POST Line

Favorite	MLB Wednesday Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES-Game 1	$134-162	Pirates
YANKEES-Game 2	$142-172	Pirates
BREWERS	$121-150	**Mets**
GUARDIANS	$105-129	Twins
BLUE JAYS	OFF	Rays
RED SOX-Game 1	$120-142	Orioles
RED SOX-Game 2	OFF	Orioles
RANGERS	-106-116	White Sox
Nationals	-107-114	ROCKIES
Dodgers	-110-113	PHILLIES
BRAVES	$100-118	Padres
Giants	-109-114	ROYALS
MARINERS	$127-158	Reds
D'BACKS	-102-121	Athletics
ANGELS	-101-122	Cardinals
ASTROS	$100-123	Marlins
CUBS	-103-120	Tigers

Home team in CAPS

WNBA

Favorite	Wednesday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
LIBERTY	8.5 (179.5)	Sky
SPARKS	2.5 (178.5)	Mercury
Lynx	8.5 (178.5)	STORM
Aces	6.5 (1164.5)	MYSTICS
FEVER	10.5 (178.5)	Sun
Wings	4.5 (174.5)	FIRE

CFL

Favorite	Thursday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
ROUGHRIDERS	4.5 (58.5)	Elks
	Friday	
BLUE BOMBERS	1.5 (60.5)	Stampeders
	Saturday	
Argonauts	3.5 (58.5)	LIONS
	Sunday	
ALOUETTES	11 (56.5)	Tiger-Cats

SPORTS SHORTS

NFL: Mahomes set to be cleared

Chiefs fans will likely have their two-time MVP quarterback return sooner rather than later.

Patrick Mahomes is expected to be "fully cleared" this week, per Sports Illustrated's **Albert Breer**. Mahomes tore his ACL and LCL in Week 15 and underwent surgery Dec. 15. Mahomes was a full participant at Chiefs OTAs in May in both individuals and 7-on-7s, donning a yellow noncontact jersey.

● All-Pro linebacker **Jordyn Brooks** agreed to a three-year, $51.3 million extension with the Dolphins, agent **Erik Burkhardt** confirmed to ESPN. The deal includes $35 million in guaranteed money for Brooks, who initially joined the Dolphins in March 2024 on a three-year deal worth $30 million.

● Panthers right tackle **Taylor Moton** will miss the start of the regular season after being diagnosed last month with a blood clot in his lung.

MLB: Dodgers get past Phillies

Max Muncy hit a two-run homer, **Justin Wrobleski** pitched into the seventh inning and the Dodgers beat **Zack Wheeler** and the Phillies 2-1 in Philadelphia. **Shohei Ohtani** had one of five hits for the Dodgers, who snapped a two-game skid.

● In Toronto, **Nick Fortes** and **Yandy Díaz** each hit a three-run homer, and the Rays had a season-high 21 hits in a 12-2 rout of the slumping Blue Jays.

● In Chicago, **Pete Crow-Armstrong** reached five times on two hits and three walks, helping the Cubs beat the Tigers 11-2.

● In Atlanta, **Manny Machado** homered twice, **Fernando Tatis Jr.** hit the longest home run in the majors this season at 473 feet, and the Padres beat the Braves 8-3 to even a four-game road series at 1-1.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Kumar Rocker** pitched one-hit ball over six innings for his first win in his last 10 games, **Brandon Nimmo** homered among his four hits and the Rangers routed the White Sox 10-0

● In Cleveland, **Austin Hedges** and **Petey Halpin** hit sacrifice flies in the sixth inning as the Guardians, a night after hitting seven homers, used small ball to beat the Twins 5-2 for a third straight victory.

NHL: Marino signs $54 million deal

The Utah Mammoth have signed defenseman **John Marino** to an eight-year, $54 million extension with an annual average value of $6.75 million. Marino's deal comes on the heels of a career-best season that included his first career playoff goal.

Marino had career highs of 36 points and 32 assists with four goals in his second season with the Mammoth after being traded from the Devils in 2024.

● High-scoring forward **Jason Robertson** ended a contentious situation with the Stars and signed a one-year, $12 million contract. Robertson was a restricted free agent who filed for salary arbitration prior to the league's July 5 deadline.

NCAA: Georgia's Dowdell sidelined

Georgia running back **Dante Dowdell** was injured in a recent off-campus accident, and Bulldogs coach **Kirby Smart** told reporters at SEC media days that he will be indefinitely sidelined.

Smart didn't offer specifics. ESPN reported that Dowdell was involved in an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accident. The outlet confirmed with Smart that Dowdell is receiving care at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, a medical facility specializing in treatment and rehabilitation for spinal cord and brain injuries.

TOP PLAY

One clean inning in Milwaukee

By ERICH RICHTER

A pair of promising young pitchers will get the ball Wednesday afternoon in the finale of the Mets-Brewers three-game set.

The Mets are moderate underdogs with righty Christian Scott (3-1, 2.87 ERA) getting the ball opposite fellow youngster Logan Henderson (3-1, 2.97 ERA).

From a betting perspective, not a single batter on either team has faced these pitchers. I'm interested in targeting that first impression that these starters will make on hitters from the opening pitch.

Neither team to score a run in the first inning has opened at -135 (57.45 percent), one of the higher sides of the lines that you will see in any MLB game and quite a bit of respect to these two young pitchers. That bears out in how well these two have pitched in the opening innings of games.

Henderson has allowed a run just one time in the first inning of his seven starts, while Scott has allowed a run in just one of his past nine first innings, a really incredible run for both starters.

Betting, of course, is not as easy as that, but I'll take the plunge on no runs to be scored in the first inning as well as a Mets underdog victory.

THE PLAYS: No runs first inning (-135, Polymarket); Mets moneyline (+134, Kalshi).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026		*REC	'25 vs OPP		CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA		W-L	ERA		W-L	IP	ERA
Mets	Scott (R)		3-1	2.87	10-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	14.2	1.84
Brewers	Henderson (R)	(2:10pm)	3-1	2.97	5-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	15.1	2.35
Pirates	Keller (R)	Game 1	6-7	5.14	9-10	0-1	17.18	0-2	1-2	15.0	6.60
Yankees	Cole (R)	(1:05pm)	3-5	3.93	4-6	–	–	1-0	1-2	17.1	3.63
Pirates	Chandler (R)	Game 2	3-8	4.77	7-11	–	–	–	0-1	15.0	6.60
Yankees	Fried (L)	(7:05pm)	4-3	3.21	5-5	–	–	4-1	0-2	14.1	6.91
Giants	Roupp (R)		7-8	3.98	7-12	–	–	1-0	2-1	17.2	3.57
Royals	Lugo (R)	(2:10pm)	3-6	4.39	9-11	–	–	4-3	0-0	14.1	5.65
Athletics	Jump (L)		3-5	3.78	4-6	–	–	–	0-3	12.1	6.57
D'Backs	Kelly (R)	(3:40pm)	7-8	5.20	7-10	1-0	4.26	1-0	2-0	17.0	2.12
Reds	Singer (R)		4-9	4.56	7-12	0-0	6.23	1-2	1-2	19.1	2.33
Mariners	Hancock (R)	(3:40pm)	6-4	3.17	10-8	0-0	3.60	0-0	1-0	14.1	0.63
Cardinals	McGreevy (R)		4-7	2.92	9-10	–	–	0-0	1-1	18.2	1.93
Angels	Detmers (L)	(4:07pm)	3-6	4.16	8-12	–	–	0-0	0-1	15.0	6.00
Tigers	Montero (R)		6-5	3.22	7-8	0-0	6.35	0-0	2-0	20.1	1.33
Cubs	Rea (R)	(8:10pm)	7-6	4.74	7-9	–	–	0-1	2-1	16.1	4.41
Marlins	Alcantara (R)		10-5	3.88	13-8	0-1	7.71	0-1	1-1	21.0	2.14
Astros	Lambert (R)	(8:10pm)	8-5	3.03	9-7	0-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	17.2	1.02
Twins	Ober (R)		7-3	4.32	8-6	0-0	1.80	0-1	1-1	15.0	6.00
Guardians	Cecconi (R)	(6:40pm)	4-6	4.54	7-12	0-0	7.36	1-0	1-0	14.2	4.91
Rays	Jax (R)		5-7	4.08	8-7	–	–	1-2	1-2	15.0	6.60
Blue Jays	Fisher (R)	(7:07pm)	3-3	3.65	5-1	–	–	–	0-0	3.2	0.00
Orioles	Kremer (R)	Game 1	1-2	4.15	3-2	1-0	0.00	3-4	1-1	15.0	4.20
Red Sox	Bennett (L)	(1:35pm)	5-3	2.35	5-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-0	20.2	0.87
Orioles	Bradish (R)	Game 2	6-9	3.61	9-10	0-1	5.40	1-6	1-2	18.1	3.44
Red Sox	TBD	(7:10pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
White Sox	Kay (L)		6-4	4.24	10-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.1	3.38
Rangers	Quantrill (R)	(8:05pm)	3-2	3.93	2-3	0-0	0.00	2-3	0-2	15.0	5.40
Nationals	Cavalli (R)		6-4	3.78	8-13	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	14.1	4.40
Rockies	Hughes (R)	(3:10pm)	0-1	3.14	0-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	11.1	3.97
Dodgers	Lauer (L)		4-5	4.81	8-4	0-0	0.00	2-1	1-0	18.0	4.50
Phillies	Nola (R)	(6:40pm)	3-7	5.68	9-11	0-1	4.50	3-3	0-2	18.0	4.00
Padres	King (R)		6-7	3.34	8-12	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	17.0	2.12
Braves	Perez (L)	(7:15pm)	6-6	3.54	7-7	–	–	0-2	0-3	13.1	7.43

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Fish give Houston problems

The Marlins visit the Astros, and Stitchakova hasn't been this excited since Linda Noskova beat Karolina Muchova at Wimbledon. Sandy Alcantara is 6-2 on the road. Four of Peter Lambert's five losses were at home. Play $50 on Alcantara and the Marlins.

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Warnings! New York City Mayor Mamdani is warning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he will be arrested if he sets foot in NYC. The U.S. Government issued a warning that Cyclosporiasis is spreading and there was a tornado and flash flood warning in Philly on Tuesday. Not sure about Netanyahu or Cyclosporiasis but the Dodgers and Phillies played through.

Justin Wrobleski is 11-2 after allowing one run over 6 1/3 innings. Max Muncy hit a two-run homer off Zack Wheeler and the Dodgers slipped past the Phillies 2-1. Not often that you can get the Dodgers as "dogs." W has this dog at -81 vinscullys.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 22	THU July 23	FRI July 24	SAT July 25	SUN July 26
	Pittsburgh (Doubleheader) 1:05, 7:05 YES, 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	Philadelphia 6:45 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM	Philadelphia 6:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Philadelphia 7:20 NBC/Peacock 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Milwaukee 2:10 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Dodgers 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Dodgers 7:15 Fox 880 AM	Dodgers 1:40 SNY 880 AM
	Chicago 7:00 Fox 5	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME

Today		Today		Friday	
	Philadelphia Union 7:30 Apple TV		Columbus Crew 7:30 Apple TV		Portland Thorns 10:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
1:05 p.m.	Pirates at Yankees, Game 1	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
2 p.m.	Giants at Royals	MLBN
2:10 p.m.	Mets at Brewers	SNY, 880 AM
4:30 p.m.	Cardinals at Angels (joined in progress)	MLBN
7:05 p.m.	Pirates at Yankees, Game 2	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
8 p.m.	Tigers at Cubs	ESPN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Sky at Liberty	Fox 5
8 p.m.	Sun at Fever	USA
10 p.m.	Wings at Fire	CNBC, USA
MEN'S SOCCER		
7 p.m.	USL Championship: Oakland at Lexington	CBSSN
7 p.m.	USL League One: New York Cosmos at Westchester SC	MSG
7:30 p.m.	Red Bulls at Philadelphia Union	Apple TV
7:30 p.m.	NYCFC at Columbus Crew	Apple TV
8 p.m.	Atlanta United at FC Charlotte	FS1, Apple TV
10:30 p.m.	Real Salt Lake at LAFC	FS1, Apple TV
GOLF		
4:30 a.m. (Thu.)	LPGA Tour: ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, 1st Round	Golf
TBT BASKETBALL		
6 p.m.	The Ville at La Familia, 1st Round- Game 3	FS1
8 p.m.	Purple Reign at JHX Hoops, 1st Round- Game 2	FS2
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES		
10 a.m.	Southeast Regional: Final	ESPN
Noon	Central Regional: Final	ESPN
1:45 p.m.	Southwest Regional: Final	ESPN
3:30 p.m.	New England Regional: Semifinal	ESPN
5:15 p.m.	Northwest Regional: Semifinal	ESPN
7 p.m.	Mid-Atlantic Regional: Semifinal	ESPN2
8:45 p.m.	West Regional: Semifinal	ESPN2
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Kitzbuhel: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Estoril: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Hamburg: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Prague: Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m.(Thu.)	ATP Kitzbuhel: Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m.(Thu.)	ATP Estoril: Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m.(Thu.)	WTA Hamburg: Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m.(Thu.)	WTA Prague: Early Rounds	Tennis
MEN'S RUGBY		
5:45 a.m. (Thu.)	NRL: Penrith at Parramatta	FS2
CYCLING		
6:30 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France, Stage 17	NBCSN

GOLF

Favorites to win LIV Golf United Kingdom (Thurs-Sun)

GOLFER	ODDS	GOLFER	ODDS
Jon Rahm	+350	David Puig	18/1
B. DeChambeau	+700	Thomas Detry	20/1
Joaquin Niemann	+750	Dustin Johnson	22/1
Tyrrell Hatton	10/1	Lucas Herbert	22/1

ODDS & ENDS

GOLF

Favorites to win 3M Open
Thursday-Sunday, Blaine, Minn.

PLAYER	ODDS
Scottie Scheffler	+260
Kurt Kitayama	22/1
Maverick McNealy	25/1
Hideki Matsuyama	30/1
Tom Kim	30/1
Jackson Koivun	33/1
Keith Mitchell	33/1
Jake Knapp	40/1
Corey Conners	40/1
Doug Ghim	40/1
Jordan Smith	40/1
Pierceson Coody	45/1
Jackson Suber	45/1
Ben James	50/1
Sungjae Im	50/1
Sam Stevens	55/1
Max Homa	55/1
Mac Meissner	55/1
Gary Woodland	60/1
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	60/1
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	65/1
Michael Brennan	65/1
Ben Kohles	65/1
Johnny Keefer	65/1
Casey Jarvis	65/1
Max Greyserman	70/1
Brian Harman	70/1

ISPS Handa Senior Open
Thursday-Sunday, Perth, Scotland

PLAYER	ODDS
Zach Johnson	+450
Stewart Cink	+550
Padraig Harrington	11/1
Steven Alker	20/1
Henrik Stenson	22/1
George McNeill	25/1
Ernie Els	25/1
Miguel Angel Jiménez	25/1
Jamie Donaldson	28/1
Darren Clarke	30/1
Søren Kjeldsen	30/1
Retief Goosen	30/1
Freddie Jacobson	33/1
Rory Sabbatini	33/1

ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open
Thursday-Sunday, Ayrshire, Scotland

PLAYER	ODDS
Nelly Korda	+440
Miyu Yamashita	10/1
Hyo Joo Kim	15/1
Lottie Woad	15/1
Sei Young Kim	18/1
Charley Hull	20/1
Ina Yoon	27/1
Aki Iwai	27/1
Minami Katsu	30/1
Hye-Jin Choi	30/1

BET SMART

3 alternatives to Scottie at 3M

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The 3M Open is the calm after the storm. With all four majors now in the books, the PGA Tour calendar hits a bit of a lull before the FedEx Cup Playoffs begin Aug. 13 at the St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind.

It's an unenviable spot in the rotation for a tournament, as most of the game's biggest names opt to skip the long trip from the United Kingdom to Minnesota for the 3M.

One player who is making the sojourn to the Twin Cities is Scottie Scheffler.

Still "stuck" on just one win in 2026, Scheffler is a ridiculous +260 favorite to lift the trophy at TPC Twin Cities. Interestingly, this is the first time that the World No. 1 has ever played in this event.

Last year's winner, Kurt Kitayama, is next, all the way down at 22/1, with Maverick McNealy at 25/1. Hideki Matsuyama, who was in the triple digits at the Open Championship last week, is available at 30/1 along with Tom Kim.

Highly touted prospect Jackson Koivun is 33/1, and will be a trendy pick after finishing T10 at the ISCO Championship two weeks ago. This is the Auburn product's second tournament since turning pro at the John Deere Classic, where he missed the cut.

Even with Scheffler in the mix, this is one of the weakest fields we'll see all year, so it's no wonder that the 20-time PGA Tour winner is sitting at such a short number. He could win this tournament with his B game, but some factors are going against him. He will have just traveled about 4,000 miles after Sunday's final round at Royal Birkdale, and he's making his tournament debut.

That may sound nitpicky, especially since TPC Twin Cities is a pretty soft course (six players finished at 20 under or better in 2025), but it's enough to keep me off Scheffler at this ridiculous price.

Perhaps the best way to play Scheffler is to be patient, see if he falls behind the pack a bit in Round 1, and then try to grab him at a discounted price.

For now, we'll swerve off Scheffler and try to find some value on a trio of players down the board:

Tom Kim (30/1, FanDuel)

A fortnight after hitting Kim at 85/1 at the Scottish Open, we'll back him to make it two wins in three weeks.

A missed cut at Royal Birkdale shouldn't throw any cold water on what Kim has been doing lately. The South Korean has finished 15th or better in four of his past eight starts, including his win at the Renaissance Club and a third-place showing at the U.S. Open.

Those setups are very different from the 3M Open, but he's just a few weeks removed from a T6 at the Myrtle Beach Classic, which was a birdie-fest.

Emiliano Grillo (100/1, DraftKings)

Something about TPC Twin Cities agrees with Grillo.

The Argentine has played this tournament six years in a row, and he's had a couple of near-misses. Grillo was the runner-up to Tony Finau in 2022, and he finished third on debut in 2020. He also landed inside the top 10 in 2023.

Grillo missed the past two weeks for the birth of his son, so we'll bet on him bringing some good vibes to one of his happy places.

Lucas Glover (115/1, DraftKings)

Glover has been knocking on the door lately.

The 2009 U.S. Open champion was atop the leaderboard after 54 holes at his past two tournaments, the John Deere Classic and ISCO Championship, but had to settle for a T3 at the former and a T5 at the latter.

Facing a similar field on a similar course, Glover is still saddled with triple-digit odds, despite having a rest advantage over plenty of the best players in this field.

Tom Kim

Getty Images

BELL' OF A MESS

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

Diagnosing what is wrong with the Yankees lineup begins with Aaron Judge's absence and includes Giancarlo Stanton's injury. Their catchers' collective .176 batting average and .521 OPS play a large role. So does Paul Goldschmidt's recent 0-for-34 skid. As recently as Sunday, Jazz Chisholm Jr. acknowledged he has "sucked all season" (although he has not since making this admission). They have not received enough offensively from the left side of their infield.

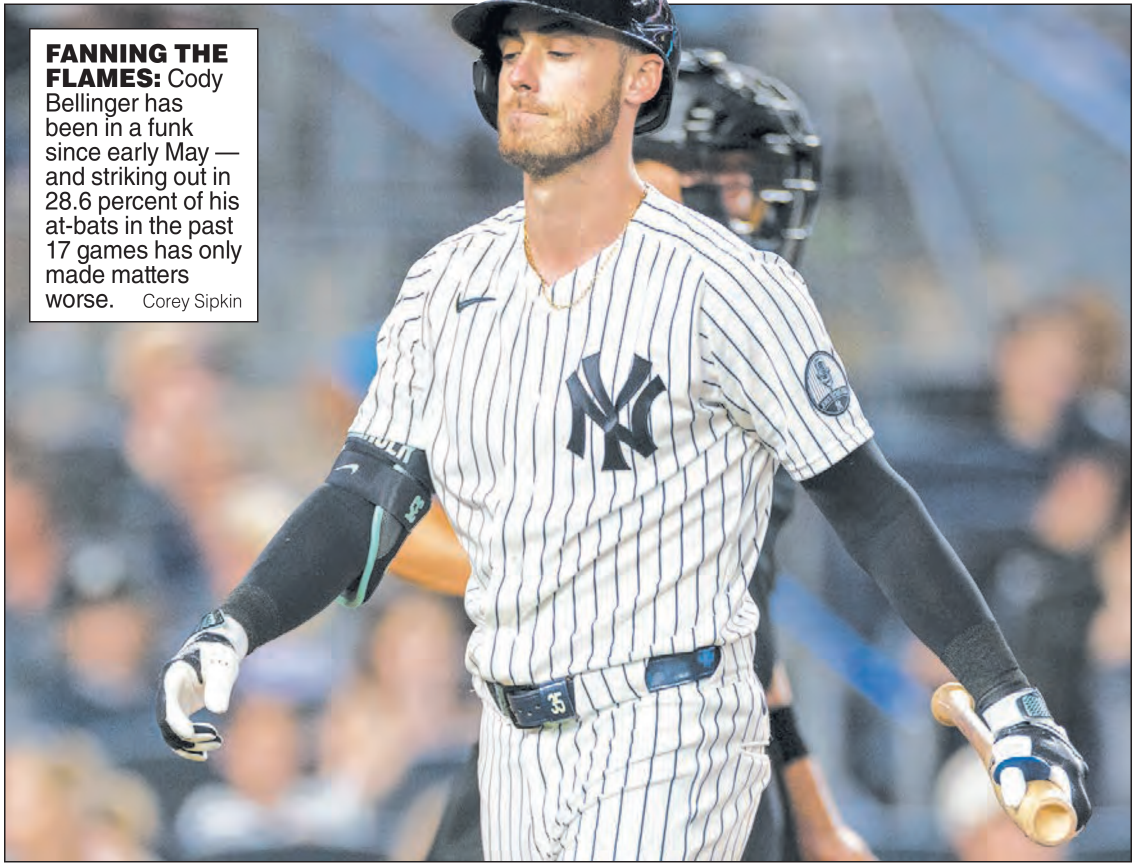
A bit more quietly, Cody Bellinger has been a below-average hitter for two and a half months.

A strong candidate to step up in a lineup missing a pair of sluggers, Bellinger instead has continued a long offensive slide. Way back on May 7, Bellinger was hitting .299 with a .924 OPS and five home runs in his first 37 games. Combined with his defensive excellence and flexibility, you did not have to squint too hard to see Bellinger making a case for MVP on a team with Judge and Ben Rice.

But since that high-water mark, Bellinger owns the same OPS (.662) as Anthony Volpe does in his career. For 61 games — in which the Yankees are 30-31 — he has hit just .229 and added just six home runs. His expected numbers in the span are better than his actual ones, but he has struggled regardless.

"I've been through it and just got to continue to stick to your plan. Got to stay positive," Bellinger said at the All-Star Game, where his two-run single made him MVP, when asked about his slump. "This game's hard."

More recently, the issue has involved far more strikeouts than the Yankees and Bellinger are used to seeing. Re-signed in part because of his contact skills and knowledge about when to unleash a big hack and when to shorten up, Bellinger has struck out 20 times in his past 17 games and 70 plate appearances while walking just three times.



FANNING THE FLAMES: Cody Bellinger has been in a funk since early May — and striking out in 28.6 percent of his at-bats in the past 17 games has only made matters worse. Corey Sipkin

All-Star's struggles have flown under the radar

His strikeout rate in that span is 28.6 percent. Last season that mark sat at 13.7 percent.

"Probably a little more swing and miss in there," manager Aaron Boone said recently of Bellinger. "I feel like a lot of the balls he's getting in the air, it's like, 'Ooh, just missed.' He's hit some balls decent to center, decent to left, even decent to right."

There are signs of hope for a player locked up on a $162.5 million deal. He has reached base four times in the past two games. Even one of his outs during Monday's victory over the Pirates was well struck, a hard ground ball up the middle that was aimed directly at the shortstop.

If Bellinger escapes the depths of this slide and joins a suddenly on-fire Chisholm, the wait for Judge to return would be far more manageable for the Yankees.

"He's fouling some pitches that I feel like he's getting a pitch to hit, maybe he's fouling it off or he's just missing it in the air," Boone said of Bellinger, whose OPS has fallen from .813 last year to .760. "The difference between success and scuffling is razor-thin sometimes. But he'll get it going."

➤ Fans who had tickets to Tuesday's game can use them for Game 2 on Wednesday (scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m.), with the regularly scheduled day game now beginning at 1:05 p.m.

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Cup final sets U.S. record with 38.9M viewers

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

The World Cup final was a victory for Fox as record numbers of viewers flocked to their TVs to watch Spain beat Argentina 1-0 at MetLife Stadium.

The match drew 38.9 million viewers to Fox and made it the most-watched English-language soccer broadcast in United States history, with viewership reaching a peak of roughly 51.7 million people, according to Nielsen data released Tuesday.

Fox carried all 104 matches in English during the length of the World Cup and saw strong numbers throughout the tournament, even after the U.S. was eliminated by Belgium in the Round of 16.

The network averaged 7.73 million viewers over the course of the tournament with broadcasts airing on Fox, FS1 and Tubi. The ratings were a significant increase from the two previous World Cups in 2022, which saw an average of 3.588 million viewers, and 2018, which drew an average of 2.77 million.

Spanish-language broadcaster Telemundo also set record ratings during the World Cup, drawing an audience of 23.9 million viewers for the final and making it the most-watched Spanish-language soccer broadcast in the U.S.

The tournament's ratings were helped by the exciting action that took place on the pitch during the World Cup and the stars that helped captivate American sports fans.

Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappé, Erling Haaland, Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham and Folarin Balogun became household names across the United States during the World Cup.

The third-place match between England and France also drew strong ratings with American audiences, with Fox averaging 13.13 million viewers for the broadcast, including prematch coverage.

Telemundo saw 7.7 million viewers for the third-place match, and both sets of ratings were new records for English- or Spanish-language broadcasts of a third-place World Cup match.

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	11	1	3	36	32	11
Inter Miami CF	9	2	4	31	39	28
Chicago	8	4	2	26	27	16
New England	8	5	1	25	22	18
Red Bulls	6	5	4	22	25	32
Charlotte FC	6	6	3	21	24	23
Cincinnati	5	5	5	20	36	37
NYCFC	5	6	4	19	25	21
D.C. United	4	5	6	18	21	25
Columbus	4	7	4	16	21	23
CF Montréal	4	8	3	15	22	31
Toronto FC	3	6	6	15	22	29
Orlando City	4	9	2	14	23	44
Atlanta	3	10	2	11	14	24
Philadelphia	1	10	4	7	18	30
WEST	**W**	**L**	**D**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	10	2	2	32	34	12
San Jose	10	3	2	32	34	15
Los Angeles FC	8	5	3	27	27	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	2	26	26	19
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	30	22
Seattle FC	7	4	3	24	18	16
Houston	7	6	1	22	19	23
Minn. United	6	5	4	22	18	22
LA Galaxy	5	6	5	20	22	25
St Louis City	5	6	4	19	19	22
Portland	5	8	2	17	27	29
San Diego FC	4	6	5	17	30	27
Colorado	5	9	1	16	25	24
Austin FC	3	7	5	14	19	31
Sporting K.C.	3	10	2	11	16	39

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Wednesday

NYCFC at Columbus, 7:30pm
Red Bulls at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Chicago at Miami, 7:30pm
Toronto FC at New England, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Charlotte FC, 8:15pm
D.C. United at Houston, 8:30pm
Minnesota at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
CF Montréal at Nashville, 8:30pm
Seattle FC at Austin FC, 9:30pm
San Diego FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
St Louis City at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30pm
Orlando City at San Jose, 10:30pm

Saturday

Charlotte FC at **Red Bulls**, 6:30pm
Chicago at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:15pm
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at New England, 7:30pm
Nashville at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Colorado at St Louis City, 8:30pm
FC Dallas at San Diego FC, 9:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Portland, 10:30pm
LA Galaxy at San Jose, 10:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	9	3	3	30	24	12
Gotham FC	**9**	**3**	**3**	**30**	**19**	**10**
San Diego	9	5	2	29	23	17
Portland	8	5	3	27	25	18
Utah Royals FC	8	4	3	27	22	16
Kansas City	8	6	1	25	23	22
Angel City	7	6	1	22	22	14
North Carolina	6	5	3	21	20	19
Orlando	6	8	2	20	21	21
Denver Summit FC	5	5	4	19	21	19
Bay FC	5	6	3	18	16	19
Seattle	5	7	2	17	15	19
Houston	4	7	4	16	18	24
Boston Legacy FC	4	8	4	16	17	23
Chicago	4	11	0	12	8	30
Louisville	2	10	2	8	16	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday

Bay FC at Houston, 8pm
Chicago at Orlando, 8pm
Gotham FC at Portland, 10pm

Saturday

Kansas City at Boston Legacy FC, 5pm
Utah Royals FC at North Carolina, 7:45pm

Sunday

Seattle at San Diego, 5pm
Denver Summit FC at Washington, 7pm
Louisville at Angel City, 9pm

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	58	42	.580	—	—	4-6	W-2	35-15	23-27
Yankees	56	44	.560	2	+4½	6-4	W-2	25-22	31-22
Boston	51	48	.515	6½	—	10-0	W-14	22-27	29-21
Baltimore	49	52	.485	9½	3	7-3	L-1	28-25	21-27
Toronto	46	55	.455	12½	6	4-6	L-3	25-29	21-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	53	47	.530	—	—	6-4	L-1	31-17	22-30
Cleveland	54	48	.529	—	+1½	7-3	W-2	27-24	27-24
Minnesota	49	53	.480	5	3½	4-6	L-4	26-25	23-28
Detroit	47	54	.465	6½	5	6-4	L-1	27-23	20-31
Kansas City	42	60	.412	12	10½	4-6	W-2	25-27	17-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	51	50	.505	—	—	5-5	W-1	25-23	26-27
Seattle	51	51	.500	½	1½	4-6	L-1	30-22	21-29
Houston	49	54	.476	3	4	4-6	W-2	25-27	24-27
Athletics	43	58	.426	8	9	2-8	L-1	20-30	23-28
Los Angeles	41	61	.402	10½	11½	5-5	W-3	24-27	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, ppd.
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 12, Toronto 2
Kansas City 3, San Francisco 2
Houston 5, Miami 3
Texas 10, White Sox 0
Cubs 11, Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 5, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 4, Seattle 2
Arizona 6, Athletics 5, 10 inn.
Baltimore at Boston, ppd.

Wednesday

Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 1:05, 1st gm.
Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 7:05, 2nd gm.
Baltimore at Boston, 1:35, 1st gm.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 2:10
Athletics at Arizona, 3:40
Cincinnati at Seattle, 3:40
St. Louis at L.A. Angels, 4:07
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:40
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10, 2nd gm.
White Sox at Texas, 8:05
Detroit at Cubs, 8:10
Miami at Houston, 8:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	58	42	.580	—	—	6-4	L-1	30-20	28-22
Philadelphia	56	46	.549	3	+3½	5-5	L-1	27-24	29-22
Miami	52	50	.510	7	½	2-8	L-8	31-20	21-30
Washington	51	51	.500	8	1½	4-6	L-1	20-31	31-20
Mets	43	59	.422	16	9½	5-5	W-1	21-28	22-31

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	63	38	.624	—	—	5-5	L-1	33-19	30-19
Chicago	57	44	.564	6	+5	6-4	W-1	30-21	27-23
Pittsburgh	52	49	.515	11	—	6-4	L-1	27-24	25-25
St. Louis	51	49	.510	11½	½	4-6	L-4	26-26	25-23
Cincinnati	46	54	.460	16½	5½	5-5	W-1	22-28	24-26

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	64	38	.627	—	—	4-6	W-1	31-19	33-19
Arizona	52	49	.515	11½	—	7-3	W-1	30-22	22-27
San Diego	50	51	.495	13½	2	5-5	W-1	27-24	23-27
San Francisco	42	59	.416	21½	10	4-6	L-4	22-25	20-34
Colorado	41	62	.398	23½	12	3-7	W-1	24-28	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Mets 4, Milwaukee 0
Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, ppd.
L.A. Dodgers 2, Philadelphia 1
San Diego 8, Atlanta 3
Kansas City 3, San Francisco 2
Houston 5, Miami 3
Cubs 11, Detroit 2
Colorado 8, Washington 7
L.A. Angels 5, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 4, Seattle 2
Arizona 6, Athletics 5, 10 inn.

Wednesday

Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 1:05, 1st gm.
Mets at Milwaukee, 2:10
Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 7:05, 2nd gm.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 2:10
Washington at Colorado, 3:10
Athletics at Arizona, 3:40
Cincinnati at Seattle, 3:40
St. Louis at L.A. Angels, 4:07
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 6:40
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:15
Detroit at Cubs, 8:10
Miami at Houston, 8:10

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Solution to Very Easy #7,347

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Solution to Difficult #7,137

Mets 4, Brewers 0

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing lf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.271
Soto dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.283
Bichette 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.256
Lindor ss	4	1	3	0	1	1	.233
Benge rf	5	0	2	2	0	1	.263
Robert cf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.213
Young 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.250
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.208
Torrens c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.229
Totals	**38**	**4**	**13**	**4**	**4**	**7**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chourio lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Turang 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Contreras dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.275
Vaughn 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.306
Mitchell cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Sánchez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Lara rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Pratt ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Ortiz 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.229
Bauers ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Totals	**29**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**3**	

Mets	**010 020 010 —**	**4**	**13**	**0**
Milwaukee	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**4**	**0**

LOB: New York 11, Milwaukee 3. **2B:** Lindor (5), Benge (13). **HR:** Young (7), off Sproat; Robert (3), off Wilson. **RBIs:** Young (19), Benge 2 (40), Robert (9). **SB:** Ewing (11). **CS:** Lindor (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 6 (Torrens, Robert 2, Soto, Lindor, Benge); Milwaukee 1 (Contreras). **RISP:** New York 1 for 9; Milwaukee 0 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Turang. **GIDP:** Vaughn. **DP:** New York 1 (Semien, Young).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Thornton, W, 1-1	6.0	3	0	0	1	2	81	1.93
Weaver, H, 14	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.98
Raley	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.96
Williams	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	4.54

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sproat, L, 3-5	4.2	4	2	2	4	4	99	5.09
Patrick	0.1	2	1	1	0	1	12	3.52
Wilson	4.0	7	1	1	0	2	65	4.08

T: 2:51. **A:** 30,016 (41,700).

Padres 8, Braves 3

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	2	3	3	0	1	.286
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	1	0	2	2	.196
Machado 3b	5	2	2	2	0	1	.204
France 1b	5	0	2	1	0	3	.282
Merrill cf	4	1	2	1	1	0	.222
Campusano c	5	0	1	0	0	2	.291
Sheets lf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.215
Bowen lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.149
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.220
Rengifo dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.223
Totals	**36**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**6**	**11**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	2	0	0	0	3	0	.271
Albies 2b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.262
Olson 1b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.267
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Harris cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.301
Dubón lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.262
Yastrzemski dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Bart ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.213
Hicklen rf	3	1	0	0	1	3	.357
Jarvis ss	3	1	2	2	1	0	.292
Totals	**31**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**8**	**9**	

San Diego	**100 311 020 —**	**8**	**13**	**0**
Atlanta	**020 000 100 —**	**3**	**4**	**0**

LOB: San Diego 7, Atlanta 9. **2B:** Bogaerts (9), Tatis (20), France (12), Harris (19). **3B:** Jarvis (1). **HR:** Merrill (13), off López; Machado (21), off López; Machado (22), off Ritchie; Tatis (8), off Ritchie. **RBIs:** France (41), Merrill (43), Rengifo (20), Tatis 3 (44), Machado 2 (59), Jarvis 2 (6). **CS:** Cronenworth (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 4 (Campusano, Rengifo 2, Cronenworth); Atlanta 5 (Albies, Riley, Olson, Hicklen 2). **RISP:** San Diego 2 for 9; Atlanta 1 for 7. **DP:** Atlanta 4 (Jarvis, Albies, Olson; Baldwin, Albies, Baldwin; Jarvis, Albies, Olson; Jarvis).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Buehler, W, 6-5	5.2	2	2	2	5	3	90	5.23
Matsui, H, 5	0.2	0	1	1	2	1	21	2.78
Rodriguez	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	15	2.09
Morejon	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.40
Miller	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	21	0.86

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
López, L, 4-3	4.1	9	5	5	3	6	85	3.95
Ritchie	3.2	3	3	3	3	4	68	4.50
Kinley	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	4.11

T: 2:50. **A:** 31,870 (41,149).

Guardians 5, Twins 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Martin lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Larnach ph-lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.291
Buxton cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.275
Jeffers c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.287
Bell dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	.251
Lewis 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.216
Caratini 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Clemens 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.241
Keaschall rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Kreidler ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Totals	**34**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**9**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan lf	3	1	1	1	2	0	.239
Rocchio ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.274
DeLauter dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.288
Hoskins 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.181
Manzardo ph-1b	2	1	0	0	0	0	.209
Fry rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Watson ph-rf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.239
Bazzana 2b	2	1	1	1	1	0	.248
Arias 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.243
Hedges c	2	1	0	1	1	0	.280
Halpin cf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.216
Totals	**29**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**4**	**3**	

Minnesota	**100 100 000 —**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Cleveland	**002 002 10x —**	**5**	**9**	**2**

E: Messick (2), Bazzana (6). **LOB:** Minnesota 6, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Bell (23), Kwan (12), Watson (6). **HR:** Jeffers (9), off Messick. **RBIs:** Jeffers (32), Kwan (18), Rocchio (47), Hedges (15), Halpin (5), Bazzana (33). **SB:** Arias (4), Bazzana (14). **SF:** Hedges, Halpin. **S:** Halpin. **RISP:** Minnesota 0 for 5; Cleveland 4 for 8. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Lewis, Clemens, Caratini).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rojas	2.1	1	2	2	2	2	47	3.32
Paredes, L, 0-3	3.0	6	2	2	1	0	49	4.72
Rogers	1.1	2	1	1	1	0	28	5.60
Anderson	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.89

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Messick	5.2	4	2	1	0	6	88	2.68
Holderman, W, 5-2	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	8	1.91
Armstrng, H, 8	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	17	4.18
Gaddis, H, 19	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	17	2.45
Smith, S, 29-32	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.72

T: 2:40. **A:** 19,714 (34,788).

Rays 12, Blue Jays 2

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	6	2	2	3	0	0	.312
Aranda 1b	6	0	2	0	0	2	.289
Caminero 3b	3	1	2	0	3	0	.288
Mullins cf	6	2	2	0	0	1	.202
DeLuca rf	6	1	2	3	0	1	.261
Simpson lf	5	1	4	1	0	0	.289
Williamson 2b	5	2	4	0	0	1	.257
Walls ss	5	1	0	0	0	2	.219
Fortes c	5	2	3	4	0	0	.266
Totals	**47**	**12**	**21**	**11**	**3**	**7**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lukes rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.290
Guerrero 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Clement 2b-lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.300
Springer dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.228
Urías 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Varsho cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.239
Okamoto 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.227
Valenzuela c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.233
Giménez ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Straw lf-p	3	0	1	0	0	0	.223
Totals	**33**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**6**	

Tampa Bay	**300 230 004 —**	**12**	**21**	**0**
Toronto	**000 002 000 —**	**2**	**7**	**2**

E: Varsho (1), Valenzuela (8). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 5. **2B:** Mullins (5), Springer (12). **HR:** Fortes (4), off Estrada; Díaz (14), off Corbin. **RBIs:** DeLuca 3 (31), Simpson (18), Fortes 4 (25), Díaz 3 (60), Varsho (25). **SB:** DeLuca (10). **CS:** DeLuca (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 4 (Fortes, Walls, DeLuca, Mullins); Toronto 3 (Okamoto 2, Guerrero). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 7 for 15; Toronto 2 for 7. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Caminero, Williamson, Aranda).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rasmussn, W, 8-5	5.0	7	2	2	1	5	93	3.28
Sulser	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	18	5.08
Kimbrel	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.35
Cleavinger	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	3.72

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman, L, 4-9	3.1	9	5	4	2	1	90	4.51
Fluharty	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	11	4.31
Estrada	2.0	3	3	3	1	3	41	4.82
Corbin	2.1	7	4	4	0	3	48	5.51
Straw	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	15	0.00

T: 2:58. **A:** 42,881 (39,150).

Rangers 10, White Sox 0

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf-2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.282
Murakami 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.233
Vargas 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.247
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Benintendi dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Perez lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.147
Peters cf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.289
Meidroth 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
Acuña ss-p	3	0	1	0	0	1	.248
Romo c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.130
Totals	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**	**8**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Langford dh	4	2	2	2	0	0	.286
Wynns ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.074
Foscue 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.274
Jung 3b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.294
Lopez ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	.318
Nimmo rf	4	2	4	2	0	0	.268
Carter ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Burger 1b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.239
Duran ss-3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.268
Cauley cf-rf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.267
Díaz c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.260
Osuna lf	4	2	3	3	0	0	.265
Totals	**41**	**10**	**18**	**10**	**1**	**4**	

Chicago	**000 000 000 —**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Texas	**201 241 00x —**	**10**	**18**	**0**

LOB: Chicago 7, Texas 9. **2B:** Vargas (24), Burger (15), Díaz (7), Duran (18). **HR:** Nimmo (10), off Schultz; Langford (11), off Schweitzer. **RBIs:** Nimmo 2 (39), Burger (61), Osuna 3 (21), Lopez (14), Langford 2 (27), Duran (51). **S:** Díaz. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 1 (Meidroth); Texas 5 (Carter, Duran 2, Burger 2). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 3; Texas 7 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Jung, Burger.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schultz, L, 3-7	3.2	11	5	5	0	2	80	6.04
Richards	0.2	1	2	2	1	1	17	3.96
Schweitzer	2.2	6	3	3	0	1	61	4.02
Acuña	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rocker, W, 3-8	6.0	1	0	0	2	6	75	4.12
Gonzales, S, 1-1	3.0	2	0	0	2	2	49	0.00

T: 2:41. **A:** 26,108 (40,000).

D'backs 6, Athletics 5, 10 inn.

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wilson ss	4	1	1	2	0	0	.291
Soderstrom lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.247
Langeliers c	4	1	1	1	1	1	.260
Heim 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.231
White 3b	5	0	2	0	0	0	.438
Muncy dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	.224
McNeil ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Bolte cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.254
Cortes ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Butler rf-cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.199
Williams 2b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.272
Walton ph-2b	1	1	1	0	1	0	.303
Totals	**36**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**3**	**9**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte dh	3	1	0	1	1	0	.256
Perdomo ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Carroll rf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.249
Moreno c	3	2	1	0	2	0	.303
Kepler lf	3	1	2	3	2	1	.240
Arenado 3b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.243
Tawa 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.208
Vargas 2b	4	1	1	1	1	0	.258
Barrosa cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.193
Totals	**36**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**7**	**8**	

Athletics	**001 000 012**	**1 —**	**5**	**9**	**0**
Arizona	**300 000 100**	**2 —**	**6**	**9**	**0**

One out when winning run scored. **LOB:** Athletics 7, Arizona 11. **2B:** Perdomo (14). **3B:** Butler (1), Walton (1). **HR:** Langeliers (23), off Thompson; Wilson (7), off Sewald; Kepler (2), off Perkins. **RBIs:** Williams (9), Langeliers (51), Wilson 2 (32), Heim (31), Kepler 3 (12), Marte (59), Arenado (45), Vargas (48). **SB:** Carroll (11). **CS:** Carroll (2). **SF:** Heim, Marte. **RISP:** Athletics 2 for 6; Arizona 3 for 11.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Perkins	5.0	5	3	3	1	4	87	6.75
Basso	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	6.48
Hartlieb	0.1	0	1	1	2	0	13	4.91
Suarez	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	11	4.42
Alvarado	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	16	5.59
Harris	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	3.22
Medina, L, 2-2, BS, 0-3	0.1	2	2	1	2	1	28	3.72

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Drake	5.0	4	1	1	2	5	85	1.80
Clarke, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2.40
Morillo, H, 11	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	24	2.88
Thompson, H, 7	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	14	2.95
Sewald, BS, 23-25	1.0	2	2	2	0	2	22	4.95
Ginkel, W, 4-3	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	5	3.21

T: 3:15. **A:** 19,709 (48,359).

Cubs 11, Tigers 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.280
McKinstry p-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.190
McGonigle ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.282
Keith 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Lee 3b-ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.256
Dingler dh-c	3	1	2	2	1	0	.271
Greene lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.285
Outman cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.152
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.205
Vierling cf-lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.209
Malgeri rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.267
Rogers c-p	3	0	0	0	1	1	.167
Totals	**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**6**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	2	1	2	2	3	0	.285
Dean cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333
Suzuki dh	3	1	0	2	3	1	.270
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.241
Kelly c	3	1	1	2	2	1	.268
Busch 1b	5	1	1	1	0	3	.244
Hoerner 2b-ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.247
Happ lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.218
Swanson ss	3	3	2	0	1	0	.215
Ramirez 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Alcantara rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Conforto ph-rf	2	1	1	2	1	0	.243
Totals	**34**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**9**	

Detroit	**000 000 002 —**	**2**	**7**	**0**
Chicago	**601 020 20x —**	**11**	**11**	**0**

LOB: Detroit 8, Chicago 12. **2B:** Dingler (21), Ramirez (6). **3B:** Crow-Armstrong (5). **HR:** Dingler (22), off Civale; Conforto (9), off Hanifee. **RBIs:** Dingler 2 (65), Kelly 2 (35), Busch (54), Happ (45), Crow-Armstrong 2 (55), Suzuki 2 (52), Conforto 2 (24), Bregman (44). **SB:** Swanson (14). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 5 (Malgeri, McGonigle, McKinstry 2, Vierling); Chicago 8 (Bregman 2, Busch 2, Suzuki 2, Kelly, Happ). **RISP:** Detroit 0 for 8; Chicago 6 for 20.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Valdez, L, 5-7	0.2	5	6	6	2	1	42	4.57
Madden	3.1	1	1	1	4	5	75	3.09
Hanifee	2.0	2	2	2	1	1	28	4.08
McKinstry	1.0	2	2	2	3	0	28	18.00
Rogers	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	23	0.00

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson, W, 5-7	6.2	3	0	0	1	4	94	5.97
Civale	2.1	4	2	2	2	2	47	5.49

T: 2:43. **A:** 39,039 (41,363).

Reds 4, Mariners 2

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	3	1	1	1	1	0	.280
Stewart 1b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.249
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Myers ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Suárez 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.208
Hayes 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Lowe dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.249
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Trevino c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Friedl cf-lf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.173
Arroyo 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.243
Totals	**31**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**4**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Young 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.282
Canzone dh	3	0	0	0	2	1	.257
Raleigh c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.162
Naylor 1b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.258
Raley rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Rodríguez ph-cf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.258
Robles cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Emerson ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.193
Wilson 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.231
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**6**	**9**	

Cincinnati	**100 110 001 —**	**4**	**5**	**0**
Seattle	**000 000 110 —**	**2**	**6**	**1**

E: Ferrer (1). **LOB:** Cincinnati 4, Seattle 10. **HR:** De La Cruz (17), off Castillo; Suárez (13), off Castillo; Lowe (12), off Rucker; Wilson (3), off Antone; Rodríguez (15), off Garcia. **RBIs:** De La Cruz (46), Suárez (37), Stewart (71), Lowe (31), Wilson (9), Rodríguez (43). **SB:** Naylor (20). **SF:** Stewart. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 2 (Bleday, Arroyo); Seattle 5 (Emerson, Naylor 2, Robles, Wilson). **RISP:** Cincinnati 0 for 5; Seattle 1 for 10.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burns, W, 12-1	5.0	3	0	0	2	6	91	2.42
Moll, H, 4	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	17	4.39
Antone, H, 4	1.1	1	1	1	1	0	30	2.37
Burke, H, 10	0.1	0	0	0	2	0	15	2.87
Garcia, H, 1	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	16	3.21
Pagán, S, 8-11	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	5.89

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Castillo, L, 3-9	7.0	4	3	3	2	3	101	4.85
Ferrer	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	14	2.79
Rucker	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	11	5.17

T: 2:45. **A:** 35,239 (47,929).

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ONCE LeBRON A TIME...

Of James' possible next stops, Heat would be worst decision for Knicks

By JARED SCHWARTZ

The entire NBA world continues to wait. The Knicks certainly aren't excluded.

Where LeBron James decides to play next year has massive ramifications across the league — whether it be linking up with Stephen Curry and the Warriors, a return to the Heat or Cavaliers, or a new chapter with the 76ers or Timberwolves.

Those teams, per multiple reports, are considered the favorites as of Tuesday, with three of them in the Eastern Conference. Even at 41, James makes any team a contender — which means a potential new hurdle for the Knicks and their hopes to repeat as champions.

It will likely affect their schedule as well. The reigning champion is often featured in the league's opening night game. And James' teams always have tons of primetime games. It's feasible that the NBA will want to kick off the new season with a matchup between the Knicks and James' new squad. A potential Christmas Day matchup would make sense, too.

So, the Knicks should have interest in where he lands. Let's take a look at each of the possibilities, from what would represent the biggest threat to the Knicks to the least:

Heat

This would be both the best supporting cast around James and the most familiarity with him.

Giannis Antetokounmpo is currently the best would-be co-star, and a frontcourt of James, Antetokounmpo and Bam Adebayo would provide nightmare matchup problems for opponents. In a hypothetical matchup with the Knicks, Karl-Anthony Towns and OG Anunoby could guard two of those guys, but who would guard the third?

And coach Erik Spoelstra, perhaps more than anyone else in the league, knows how to maximize James' greatness. They developed a close relationship, reaching the Finals all four years together (2010-14) and winning back-to-back championships. There would not have to be much adjustment for the two.

Timberwolves

Anthony Edwards rivals Antetokounmpo as the best potential co-star. The Timberwolves made a blockbuster deal to bring in LaMelo Ball, a lightning rod who is capable of greatness but is always a bit of a roller coaster. They secured a rising star in Ayo Dosunmu.

The T'wolves do have a core that would provide James with star power and a balanced roster. It would be a team that could threaten to win the West — and if they do, could become a Knicks problem.

76ers

The Knicks destroyed them in the second round of the playoffs, but this is now a retooled unit. Jaylen Brown, who made the All-NBA second team last year and is a former Finals MVP, is a clear upgrade from Paul George. Brown is still an elite talent, regardless of how the Celtics — or others around the league — view him currently.

Tyrese Maxey and VJ Edgecombe should keep getting better and better. Joel Embiid remains an enigma due to his health and declining mobility, but when everything is going right, he is still capable of high-end production.

Their depth outside the starting unit was a disaster last year, particularly in that second round. It should be improved by the additions of Dean Wade and Anfernee Simons.

And coach Nick Nurse has a championship on his résumé.

Cavaliers

More familiarity for James — it would be his third stint with his hometown franchise.

But the Cavs annually are picked as one of the favorites to win the East and year after year fall short in the postseason.

ROAD BLOCK: LeBron James is mulling his latest relocation. The possible landing spots — the Cavaliers, 76ers, Warriors, Heat or Timberwolves — could impact the Knicks differently.

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On paper, their roster always looks good — a star backcourt duo of Donovan Mitchell and James Harden, and strong bigs in Evan Mobley and Jarrett Allen. But that frontcourt has twice now wilted in the playoffs against the Knicks. Harden, in the conference finals against the Knicks, was lost. James would take pressure off him, but Mitchell has yet to prove he's capable of being the best player on a team that reaches the Finals, let alone winning one.

The Knicks own the Cavs, evidenced by their series sweep in the conference finals. The other supporting casts around James should concern the Knicks more than Cleveland's.

Warriors

Curry and James playing together would be intriguing for basketball fans, but at this point in their careers, the duo would not be the best one-two combo of his potential suitors. This is a Warriors team that is desperately trying to give Curry more shots at another title, but one that should also probably be rebuilding for a new era.

Would a Warriors team with James make it out of the West over the Thunder, Spurs or others? Probably not, which would make them irrelevant to the Knicks.

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Ex-Lib Cloud focused on Sky, not NY return

By JAKE NISSE

HELLO AGAIN: Natasha Cloud, who spent last season with the Liberty, makes her return to Barclays Center on Wednesday as a member of the Chicago Sky.

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Natasha Cloud's Liberty breakup is still thawing out.

The Sky guard, who will return to the Barclays Center on Wednesday night, revealed after her team's practice Tuesday that she hadn't spoken to GM Jonathan Kolb or any Liberty players since being allowed to walk in free agency earlier this year.

"I wouldn't," she said. "It's about Chicago at that point. It's not about New York."

The guard, who spent one impactful year with the Liberty, was not retained as Sabrina Ionescu, Breanna Stewart and Jonquel Jones were all given max deals. But Cloud still has plenty of fond memories from her time with the team.

"I'm really happy to be back in New York," she said. "I'm happy to be back with this fanbase that I didn't get a chance to say bye to, or kind of have my farewell with because of how it happened.

"But I'm just really happy to be in this space, and yeah, I definitely use that as fuel and fire, but it's another game, and it's about the Chicago Sky and trying to get it done."

Cloud's star rose in the bright lights of New York. She started 41 games and was given a bigger backdrop for her well-known activism work. Those memories haven't faded even after she was forced to find a new team.

"It was just good to be in an environment that I just felt like really took me in, showed me who I was again, both on and off the court, and especially in my activism and my morale," she said. "New York was a really good place for my soul, for my mental. So it always feels good to be back and knowing that they had such an impression on me, and I hope that I had the same impression on them as they did me."

The 34-year-old guard is having another effective year in the backcourt for Chicago. She's averaging 9.8 points, 4.5 assists and 3.4 rebounds — just a tick below what she produced in New York.

Still, she is hoping her struggling Sky (9-17) can build some momentum against the Liberty heading into the All-Star break.

"Perspective is really big for us in our locker room, so it's not even really about New York," she said. "It's more about us as the Sky, and the perspective is we're two games out of ninth place right now, and so our trajectory has got to continue to go up."

Wednesday will certainly bring more emotions for Cloud than a typical game, though she gave a steely answer when asked if she had any plans to see or speak to any former teammates.

"I mean, for me, business is business," she said. "My relationships are my relationships. My friendships over the years are my friendships. And on the court, we're out there competing every single night, whether it's my best friend on the floor or not. We're gonna get the best of both of us, and when we're done, that's where it kind of ends."

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Star convo provides bulletin: boards

By JAKE NISSE

The Liberty are hard to stop when Breanna Stewart and Jonquel Jones dominate the glass.

Both enter Wednesday's home matchup against the Sky among the WNBA's top 10 total rebounders this season, but continued aggressiveness on the boards has been a talking point between the pair nonetheless.

"J.J. and I kind of, we talked [Sunday] ... the thing that we need to do it every single day is double-double," Stewart said after Monday's overtime win against the Wings. "Double-double, no question because the rebounds are effort plays and really happy that we were able to control the boards and put pressure on the rim from getting downhill but also second-chance points."

The chat between the All-Stars seemingly made an impact, as the team grabbed 17 offensive boards — with Stewart, Jones and Marine Fauthoux making a slice of history during the 99-98 win. The trio each recorded at least 10 rebounds (Stewart had 13), marking just the 10th time in WNBA history that three teammates recorded point-rebound double-doubles in the same game, per Liberty PR.

For Stewart, it was also her first game with at least 10 boards since June 21 — and that sort of aggressiveness was a focus for her and Jones as the team looked to snap a four-game losing streak.

"It was a conversation," Jones told The Post about the need for double-doubles. "That's something that I always strive for, but obviously just want to make sure I'm helping her in whatever way that I can and helping the team in whatever way I can."

Stewart's game-high 33 points and eight assists certainly helped the cause, as the Liberty now look ahead to a struggling Sky team.

"That's just what Stewie does," Jones said. "It's her playing at a high level and doing all the things that make her a great player."

QUICK CHANGE

Blueshirts hire recent retiree as director of goalie development

By MOLLIE WALKER

Jonathan Quick is sticking around.

The Rangers are hiring the future Hall of Fame goalie as director of goaltending development, The Post first reported Tuesday. Quick, who retired at the end of last season, will join the Rangers player development staff and report to Tanner Glass.

Former Ranger Derick Brassard is also rejoining the organization as a player development assistant reporting to Glass, according to a source.

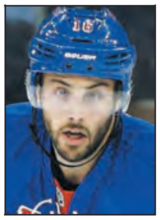
After finishing his 19-year NHL career with the Blueshirts, playing three seasons for the team he grew up rooting for, Quick is wasting no time transitioning into his next career phase.

The three-time Stanley Cup champion will be charged with managing the development of all the organization's goalies, including AHL Hartford and other leagues around the world. In addition to scouting goalies, Quick will help goalie coach Jeff Malcolm with the netminders at the NHL level, a source said.

Similar to how Benoit Allaire popped in around the NHL club when he scaled back his day-to-day responsibilities as director of goaltending, Quick will be around periodically.

Since Allaire retired in May, the Rangers have needed to replenish their goaltending department.

After making an indelible impression on the Rangers over his three seasons as the backup goalie, Quick was a no-brainer to keep around. Between his prolific experience in the NHL, three Stanley Cup rings and infectious winning attitude, the Rangers had planned to hire Quick in some capacity after his retirement.



The 40-year-old Quick seemed to work well alongside star goalie Igor Shesterkin.

His familiarity with both Shesterkin and rookie netminder Dylan Garand is sure to help Quick in his new role. However, the Rangers hope to benefit from his eye for young goaltending talent.

After retiring at the end of last season, Quick walked away from the NHL as the winningest American-born goaltender in league history. He finished with a record of 410-307-90, while also going 49-43 in the playoffs as he backstopped the Kings to Stanley Cup titles in 2012 and 2014.

Holding Kings records for most regular-season games played (743), most career wins (370) and most franchise shutouts (57), Quick was the franchise goalie in Los Angeles for 16 years.

Former Kings general manager Rob Blake eventually traded Quick to Columbus in March 2023 before the Blue Jackets flipped him to Vegas. In a depth role, Quick got to join the Golden Knights ride to their first Stanley Cup championship and etch his name on the Stanley Cup for a third time.

The Kings' loss was eventually the Rangers' gain.

Rangers president and general manager Chris Drury took a chance on Quick, whose game was in serious decline in the couple of seasons leading up to the one-year deal he signed in New York in July 2023.

Quick ultimately gave the Rangers three seasons of effective backup goaltending, including serving in a team morale role during their run to the Eastern Conference Final in 2024.

Over his 76 games as a Ranger, Quick posted a 35-30-6 record with an .899 save percentage and a 2.94 goals-against average. He capped his career with a .910 save percentage and a 2.51 GAA.

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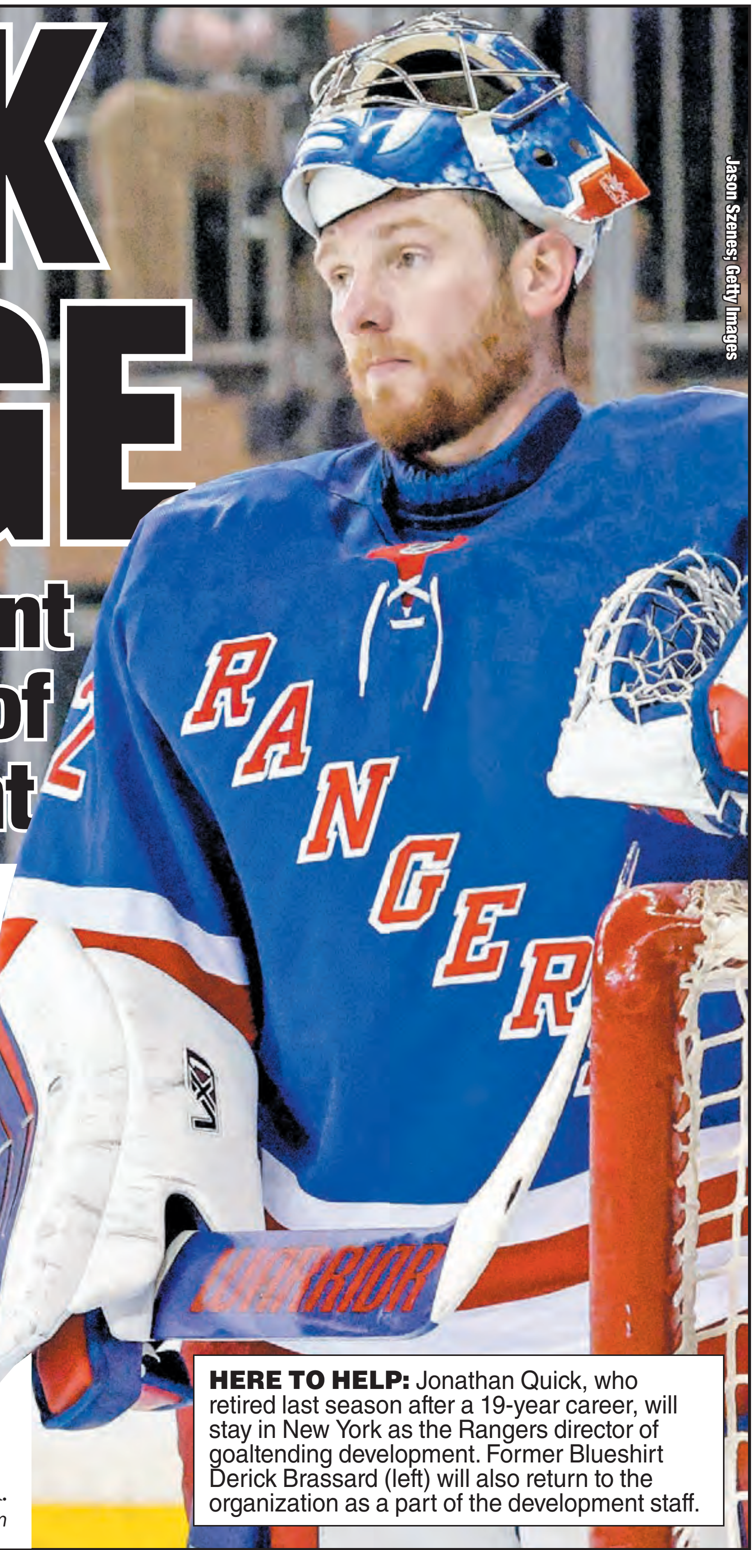

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HERE TO HELP: Jonathan Quick, who retired last season after a 19-year career, will stay in New York as the Rangers director of goaltending development. Former Blueshirt Derick Brassard (left) will also return to the organization as a part of the development staff.

Ex-Devil Lemieux relapsed into sex addiction before suicide: son

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CLAUDE LEMIEUX

By EDWARD LEWIS

Brendan Lemieux, the son of NHL legend Claude Lemieux, told police his father relapsed into sex addiction prior to dying by suicide, newly released body camera footage shows.

Brendan told cops about the matter while being questioned by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office investigators May 28, just after he discovered his dad's death at their family's home-design business in Lake Park, Fla.

"Long story short," Brendan said in the video, which was obtained by The Post on Tuesday, "my mom finds out that he's not sober anymore. And that's what triggered this tonight."

When the cop asked about Claude's possible alcohol consumption, Brendan explained, "When I say sober, he has more issues with — his most sober thing is sex addiction versus alcohol. I don't even know if he's been drinking."

Brendan said Claude had been sober for over a decade, but about a year ago, he and his mom, Deborah, suspected he might have backslid.

"We've noticed changes in his behavior," Brendan said, "and recently, it's spiraled completely."

Brendan said Claude had been "lashing out" and "not being nice to people."

"My mom called him out," Brendan said, "and long story short, he confessed, and she just said, 'Get out.' "

Brendan said that conversation took place around 10:30 p.m. May 27. Hours later, he said he grew concerned about his father after noticing his location had changed to their family business, so he drove over to check on him.

He found his father dead in the back of the building.

A Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office incident report stated Claude wrote several messages to his family in his Notes app and left a Post-it on his phone with instructions for how to access them before he hanged himself.

Authorities stated in the report that the messages "were heartfelt in nature, reflected sorrow for his decision, and were consistent with that of a suicide note."

Claude played for several teams during his 21-year NHL career, including the Devils and the Canadiens. He won four Stanley Cups and earned one Conn Smythe Trophy. He was 60.

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Big names hit by ESPN layoffs

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Several big-name ESPNers will be looking for new jobs.

The network went through layoffs Tuesday, with several notable on-air talents out of a job at the Disney-owned sports network — including Ryan Clark, Karl Ravech, Tom Pelissero and Cam Newton. The cuts were part of a reported larger round of layoffs across the company that hit everything from ESPN to Disney Entertainment Television to Disney Studios.

RYAN CLARK

Most of Tuesday's layoffs at the Worldwide Leader were connected to ESPN's acquisition of NFL Network and NFL RedZone, which the network had finalized roughly six months ago.

KARL RAVECH

The list of names includes Clark — whose layoff broke Monday night and was revealed to him while he was on "NFL Live" — Ravech, Pelissero, Newton, "Sports-Center" anchor David Lloyd, injury and fantasy football analyst Stephania Bell, ESPN New York radio host and NFL analyst Bart Scott, NFL Network's Charles Davis, combat sports reporter Andreas Hale and ESPN.com writer Dan Hajducky.

In a memo to staff, ESPN president Jimmy Pitaro called the cuts "difficult decisions."

"Over the past several months, we've made significant progress integrating the NFL assets that we acquired into ESPN," Pitaro wrote in the memo. "Throughout this process, we have taken the time to carefully evaluate our collective teams, resources and organizational structure to best position us for the future. As a result, we had to make some difficult decisions about job impacts that we will be communicating today. While most of the job impacts are tied to the acquisition, we will also notify colleagues in other parts of the company today that their positions have been impacted. We are committed to treating employees with compassion and respect and to providing support as they navigate this transition. Even in moments like these, the strength of ESPN comes from our people, our teamwork and our shared mission to serve sports fans."

Several names on the list had been longtime employees at ESPN, including Ravech, who spent 33 years there. He joined the network in 1993, hosted "Baseball Tonight" and more recently was the voice of "Sunday Night Baseball" while it was on ESPN.

Ravech called the Dodgers-Phillies game on the network Monday.

Newton's axing was one of the bigger surprises Tuesday after he was signed to a multiyear deal with ESPN last August to increase his role on "First Take."

Scott, a former Jets star, has been an NFL analyst for some time on ESPN and has been hosting a midday radio show on ESPN New York with Chris Carlin.

Carlin addressed the decision to lay off Scott during Tuesday's radio show, saying that it was "all just kind of settling in."

"I love him," Carlin said of Scott. "Just for so many people, this is a very tough day. This is an unfortunate reality across a lot of industries these days, especially ours."

Many of the layoffs at ESPN are behind-the-scenes staff, The Hollywood Reporter reported.

The Disney Co. cut several hundred jobs across its empire, with Pixar and National Geographic being some of the most heavily impacted, according to multiple reports.

Tuesday marked the second round of large-scale job cuts by Disney.

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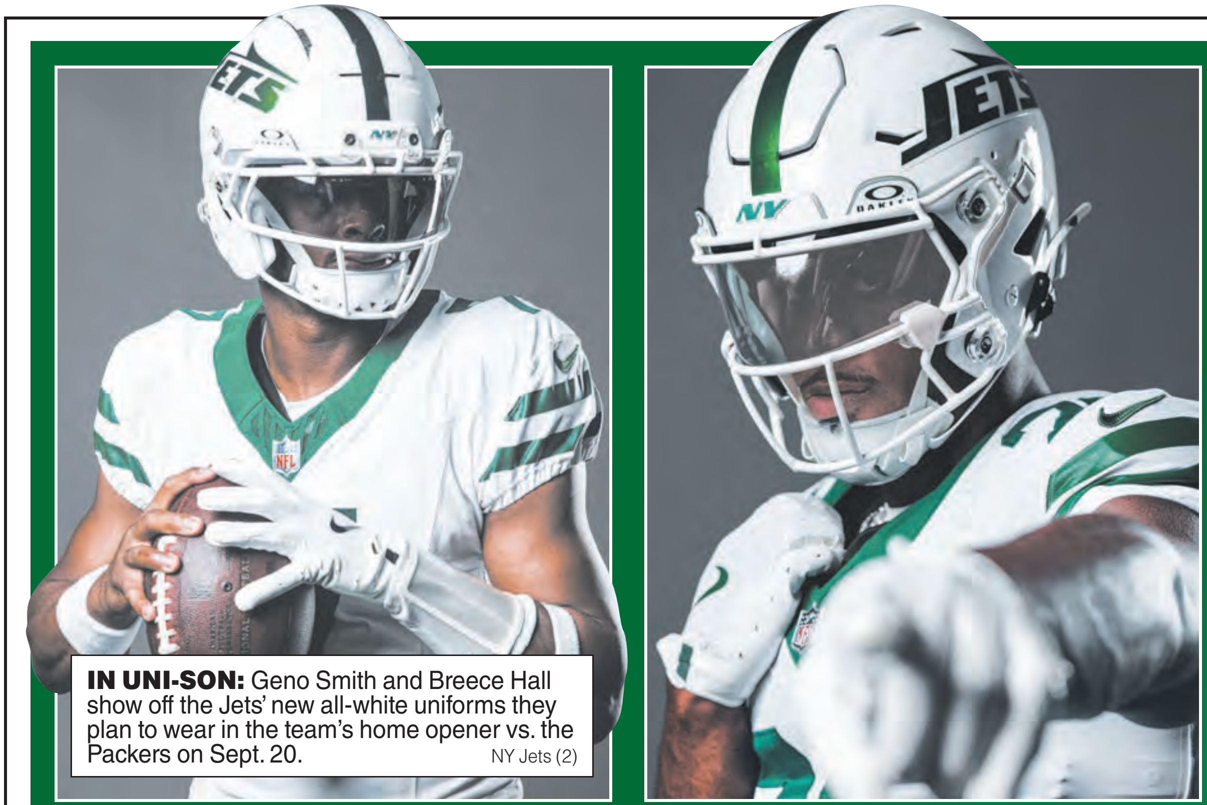

IN UNI-SON: Geno Smith and Breece Hall show off the Jets' new all-white uniforms they plan to wear in the team's home opener vs. the Packers on Sept. 20. NY Jets (2)

Paint it white

Jets unveil 'White Out' uniforms for MetLife opener vs. Packers

By SPENCER BROD

Could a new helmet be the spark the Jets need going into 2026?

The Jets on Tuesday morning unveiled their "White Out" helmet, which they'll wear for their home opener against the Packers on Sept. 20.

The white helmets and face mask include a green version of the Jets' updated logo on the side, while a green "NY" logo sits in the center of the forehead.

The green "NY" logo leads to a green stripe across the top of the helmet.

In addition to the helmet, the Jets also revealed the jerseys they'll be wearing against the Packers, which are white with green numbers and stripes, along with white pants and socks.

Multiple players, including Geno Smith and Breece Hall, modeled the helmets Tuesday as the Jets X account posted a video of player reactions to the unveiling.

No announcement has been made on whether the helmets will appear more than once during the 2026 season.

After finishing last year 3-14, the Jets can only hope their new helmets will provide a spark coming into 2026 — they enter the season with a 15-year playoff drought, the longest in North American pro sports.

Harbaugh on Skat's flip flub: 'Stick it'

By ERICH RICHTER

Giants coach John Harbaugh has jokes for Giants running back Cam Skattebo after his dangerous backflip went haywire at Fanatics Fest last week.

When asked about the viral moment by Bob Papa and Carl Banks on the "Bleav in Giants" podcast, he said that if Skattebo's going to do that, "at least stick it."

"My reaction when I saw it on my phone? My reaction was — I haven't talked to him yet, I'm going to talk to him, I'm sure — my reaction was this: 'Dude, at least stick,' " Harbaugh said.

"Land the thing if you're going to do it."

Skattebo is coming off a gruesome dislocated ankle that he suffered in October 2025, which cost him the season and set off a lengthy recovery process.

He appears to be in good enough shape to be doing backflips — though, as Harbaugh notes, he did not land it — and is surely preparing for training camp.

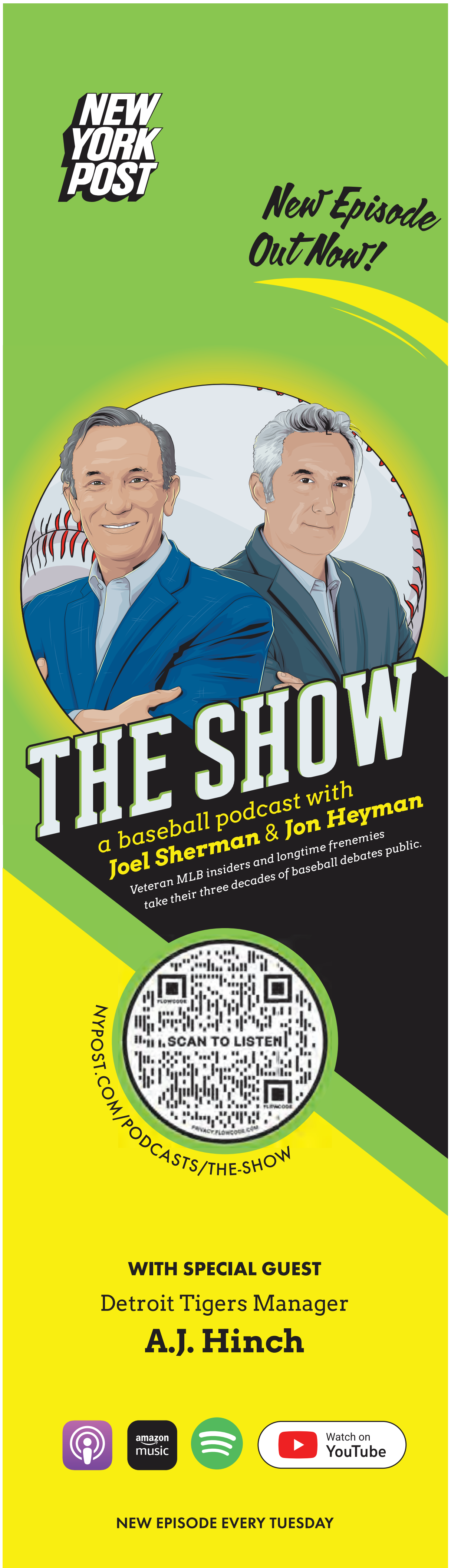
"Skat's going to be ready to go," Harbaugh said. "He's been working super hard. He's really been training like crazy. His mind is on camp. He's healthy. He's ready to roll, and I can't wait to see him at practice."

Harbaugh's practices are the stuff of legend in terms of the amount of pressure they put on the players, as his former No. 1 Ravens wide receiver Zay Flowers previously complained about their intensity.

Skattebo will need to show that he can hang for a whole season after suffering the nasty injury that ruined a strong rookie season.

The Arizona State product played just eight games last season, tallying 410 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns.

He added 24 catches for 207 yards and two scores.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Dare to dream

Sox fans living sports fantasy of win streak that won't end

Mike Vaccaro

WE ARE all sports fans, so we all dream of something like this. We dream of a team we care about winning today. When that happens, we are hopeful that they win tomorrow. We are a cautious people, so we are well-versed in the danger of getting too cocky, too confident, too far ahead of ourselves … but maybe we can win the day after that, too.

And the day after that.

And the day after *that* …

Again, we are sports fans. So we know better than to feel too good about what we've just described, which is a five-game winning streak. Six is almost too much to hope for. Seven is too much to dream about. Eight? Nine? Ten? The secular gods of sport are watching. Eleven? Twelve? We are due. We are overdue.

Thirteen? Outrageous.

Fourteen? Preposterous.

And yet, here are the Boston Red Sox. The Sox beat the Angels in Anaheim back on July 3, and it might well have happened in one of those forests with the quietly falling trees. It was one bad baseball team defeating an even worse team. And the Sox, make no mistake, qualified, to that moment, as a bad baseball team, a team even their own fans had started to tune out.

We are familiar with that kind of team, because we have one of those in Queens.

Somewhere in Red Sox Nation that night, certainly, there was at least one wise-guy fan who told, texted or called a friend and said, "That's one in a row!" It was certainly said in jest, almost certainly said with the bitter tone of a baseball fan whose baseball season has already expired before the Fourth of July. You get seasons like that sometimes. And in Boston, things were about to get much worse a few days later, when Jaylen Brown was exiled to Philadelphia.

How many days till the Pats start training camp?

Except a funny thing happened. The Sox — who as recently as June 24 were 12 games under .500 — suddenly forgot how to lose. The Sox were in last place that day. Back in 1969, the very best of the glut of books that flooded the market after the Miracle Mets was one by Dick Schaap called "The Year the Mets Lost Last Place."

The Sox lost last place July 7, when they beat the White Sox for their fourth straight win and passed the Orioles into fourth. They lost fourth place July 12, when they beat the Mets 4-0 for their ninth straight and slipped by the Blue Jays into third. It will take some more work to bypass the Yankees into second … but, you know, if they keep forgetting how to lose …

Tuesday, it took a force mightier than the Baltimore Orioles to cool off the Sox; it took the full powers of Mother Nature. So Wednesday afternoon they will resume the quest to win a 15th game in a row, which would tie the club record — and, dare we say, add a 16th straight later that night, which would break it.

That mark has lasted 80 years, since the 1946 team that won 104 games went 15-0 from April 25 through May 10. That team featured Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Johnny Pesky and Dom DiMaggio, and went all the way to Game 7 of the World Series. Those Sox were *supposed* to be good. These Sox were not. And yet it's been hard to tell for 18 straight days.

Going on 19 now.

"I'm trying not to [think about tying the record], but I want it," infielder Chad Durbin said, violating about 35 different statutes regarding the gods and hubris (in addition to Crash Davis' immortal counsel in "Bull Durham": "You never f--k with a winning streak."). "I can't speak for anyone else. We really haven't talked about it, but I want to make history here."

It's more than that, though. These Sox lend hope to every fan of every woebegone team that maybe, just maybe, you might win a game today, and another tomorrow, and simply get used to it. Look, when great teams go on winning streaks — the 1971-'72 Lakers (33 straight), John Wooden's UCLA of the early '70s (88 straight), Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners of the '50s (47 straight), even the 2002 Oakland A's of "Moneyball" renown (20 straight) — that's one thing.

Even the Knicks, who went on a 13-game winning streak in the playoffs this year, weren't exactly the Washington Generals suddenly learning how to win; they did win 53 games this year.

But these left-for-dead Sox, who were 32-46 before playing the Yankees on June 25 and are 19-2 since? That one's harder to explain, unless you remember the wise words of Lou Brown in "Major League II":

"OK, we won a game yesterday. If we win today, it's called 'two in a row.' And if we win again tomorrow, it's called a 'winning streak.' It has happened before!"

That fictional group of Cleveland Indians was 11-40 at the time, but through the magic of Hollywood (spoiler alert) wound up winning the pennant. The real-life 2002 Tampa Bay Devil Rays won 12 straight, but their screenwriters weren't nearly as on point — they finished 55-106. The '26 Sox? Basic logic tells you this will all end at some point, and then what?

But for now, every member of Red Sox Nation is allowed to ask themselves an absurd question, because for now even the absurdest absurdist questions are still in play: What if it doesn't?

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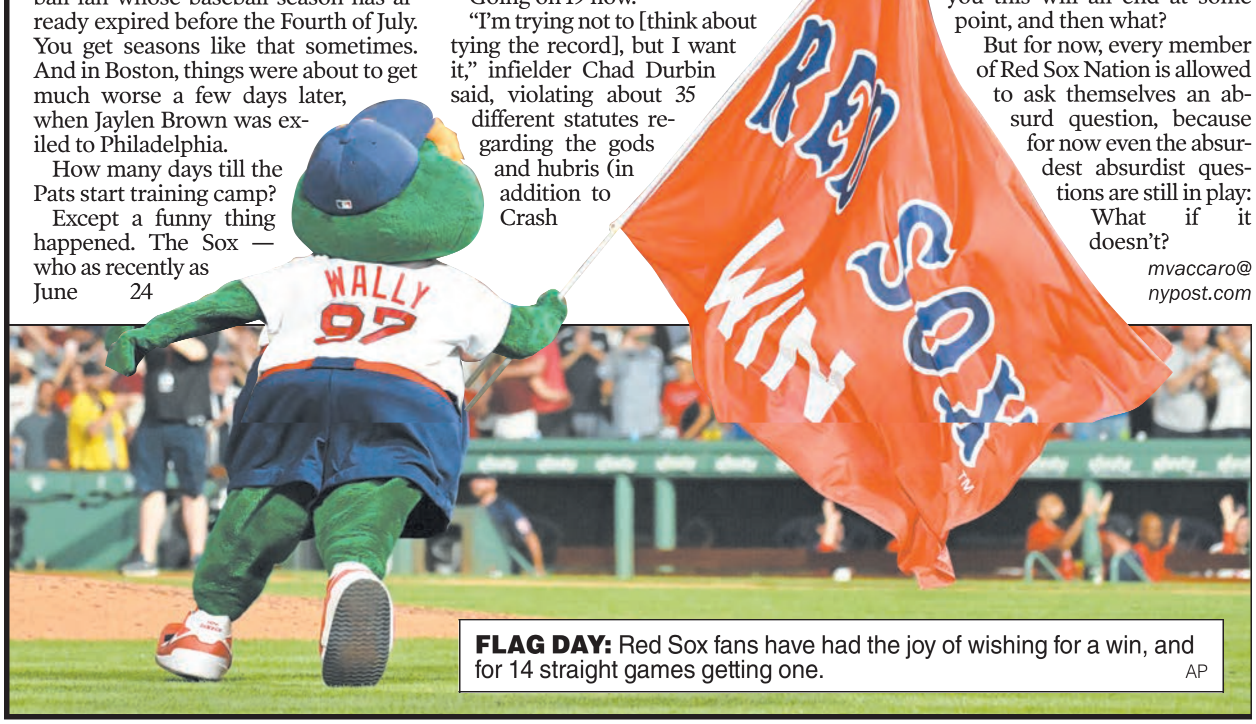

FLAG DAY: Red Sox fans have had the joy of wishing for a win, and for 14 straight games getting one. AP

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MAYBE LATER?

Skenes & Dunne are not in NY state of mind right now

BUC THE TREND: Pirates ace Paul Skenes and model Livvy Dunne aren't looking to move to New York right now, and with the Pirates in contention, he is unlikely to get traded this season. As for his future free agency, he said: "I just want to win." Getty Images

THE YANKEES loved seeing reports about model and gymnast Livvy Dunne, the girlfriend of Pirates superstar pitcher and frequent Yankees target Paul Skenes, trying to buy Babe Ruth's old apartment on the Upper West Side last summer.

Yankees people noted the Ruth link with deep interest and hoped it meant Skenes wanted to be fitted for pinstripes.

But if it does, Skenes sure isn't saying that.

Skenes continues to be unavailable in trades and is especially off limits this trading season with the vastly improved Pirates finally in the pennant race. But with Skenes in town, I thought I'd ask him if the Yankees are onto something, if he really does desire to be with baseball's marquee franchise eventually.

Though Skenes stipulated Dunne is also a baseball fan and they both knew it was Ruth's apartment before the co-op board rejected her purchase, he maintained it's a "stretch" to conclude it meant he's pining for pinstripes.

"That's probably reading a little deeper into it than what is true. If you're a baseball fan, you're probably a Babe Ruth fan," Skenes said.

He also suggested things actually worked out better because she found something else they prefer, reportedly downtown. "Better area, better apartment," he said. (As for the Ruthian rejection, the board may have feared paparazzi; by all accounts and appearances, both are outstanding individuals.)

Skenes mentioned, too, that Dunne spends more time here than he does since she has more work here and is from Bergen County, N.J., perhaps pushing back on the whole New York baseball narrative.

One of two pitchers along with Doc Gooden to have 450 strikeouts and a sub-2.50 ERA in his first 76 starts, Skenes would only say this about the Yankees: "We are going to go out there and play them for three games and hopefully sweep them." (The interview occurred before the series opener Monday, won by the Yankees.)

Skenes made clear where his baseball priority lies.

"I just want to win," he said.

That goal should make the Yankees attractive, with 27 World Series championships. But some also could see him eventually landing in his native Southern California or perhaps the South, where he lives and the two LSU legends spend most of their time together at his home near Palm Beach, Fla.

The Yankees are understandably so enamored with the uber-talented Skenes that they inquired about him even after the Pirates announced he was untouchable at last year's deadline (and of course also after seeing reports of her Ruthian rejection). The Yankees were so enthralled that they were prepared to let the Pirates pick just about any prospect to form a monster package.

Now, Skenes is excited about the Pirates' productive winter, which has them in the NL wild-card race.

"It's been fun," he said. "It's a whole team effort. Everybody's been contributing."

Regardless, the Pirates understand they have practically no chance to extend him long term barring the owner-endorsed rules change that severely caps payrolls and salaries. Under the current system, Skenes, who's making $1.085 million, is likely a $50M-plus pitcher who wouldn't fit into the Pirates payroll, which is currently a meager $105M.

Lindor trade unlikely

FRANCISCO Lindor isn't among the Mets reported here on their "untouchable" list of **Juan Soto**, **Nolan McLean**, **Christian Scott**, **Carson Benge** and **A.J. Ewing**. But Lindor's chances to be traded still seem slim.

It's difficult to do in-season trades involving a star with $170 million to go, anyway. But perhaps the even bigger impediment is the Mets themselves, since they intend to compete in 2027 and can't see how they can do that without their 30-30 shortstop. For that reason, one person in the know called all the Lindor trade speculation "silly."

Lindor is having a rough, injury-wracked season, but he's practically irreplaceable. The Mets are 29th in OPS at .683, and the crop of hitters who will be free agents is abysmal, with relatively light-hitting **J.P. Crawford** and **Ha-Seong Kim** the top shortstops.

Lindor also has no-trade rights as a 10-and-5 player.

While some rival execs see Lindor as worth close to his $32M salary, meaning the Mets could probably acquire prospects provided they paid down his deal, ultimately the Mets don't seem anxious to deal him.

Bichette contract tricky to move

BO BICHETTE was noncommittal when asked by The Post's **Mike Puma** whether he'd consider waiving his no-trade clause. It's certainly an interesting case.

Though his contractual opt-outs and $42 million salary limit his trade value, Bichette received a $40M signing bonus in March, meaning he's only owed $750K this year.

That doesn't necessarily make him cheap. Bichette is likely to opt in following a disappointing first 100 games (.679 OPS), and he still has another opt-out after 2027, plus the unique and unpalatable $5M bonus he'd get for opting out.

A.J. Minter and **Brooks Raley** head a coveted Mets relief contingent, and it's likely the team sells high on **Huascar Brazobán**. But it's uncertain whether the Mets will trade setup star **Luke Weaver**, who's under contract through 2027.

Devin Williams and the oft-injured **Luis Robert Jr.** and **Jorge Polanco** would take massive paydowns to unload. **Steve Cohen** has been willing before (see **Justin Verlander** and **Max Scherzer**).

Freddy Peralta's trade value is falling, but some rivals blame the Mets defense and cite solid secondary numbers. The Mets could give **Clay Holmes** a qualifying offer and try to keep him, but a trade is also possible.

Yankees closer **David Bednar** is fantastic. But they'll target **Mason Miller**, if available.

The Yankees will surely call on young catching stars **Hunter Goodman** and **Shea Langeliers**, but **Ryan Jeffers**, a free agent after the year, is also a great fit — and likely more gettable.

The Dodgers, Rays and red-hot Red Sox could also consider catchers.

Righty reliever **Ben Grable** has emerged as a big Yankees trade chip thanks to his unique fastball. Rivals believe the Yankees would trade **Ben Hess**, **Bryce Cunningham** and maybe even **Spencer Jones** and **Jasson Domínguez** — just not **George Lombard Jr.** (If it's for **Mason Miller**, they might have little choice.)

The Angels are listening to offers for star starters **Reid Detmers** and **José Soriano** and threatening to make logical trades.

Things will be slow to develop with 11 teams still on the bubble.

The starting pitching market could be thin if **Tarik Skubal**, **Sonny Gray** and **Sandy Alcantara** stay put, as seems likely now.

But depending on the next week-plus, **Michael King**, **Foster Griffin**, **Casey Mize**, **Joe Ryan**, **Trevor Rogers**, **Kevin Gausman**, **Nick Lodolo**, **Andrew Abbott** and even **Hunter Greene** could also emerge as trade candidates.

FRIED TO GO!

Max back early from IL to start Game 2 against Pirates; will be on pitch count

By GREG JOYCE

Well, well, well, look what the rain brought in.

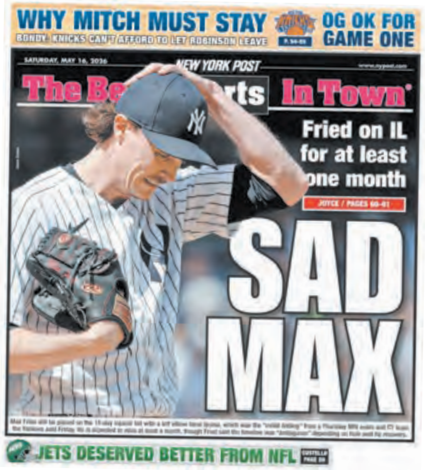
Max Fried will come off the injured list Wednesday to start the second game of a doubleheader against the Pirates at Yankee Stadium, getting activated earlier than planned as the Yankees pivoted after Tuesday's washout.

The lefty will likely be on a pitch count around 60, but instead of throwing them for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, which was originally the plan, the club pivoted and announced Fried as their Game 2 starter after Gerrit Cole starts the opener.

Fried was initially expected to return next week in Chicago, but the rainout meant the Yankees would have to throw a bullpen game or bring up a spot starter at some point before he returned. So instead, they ditched the final rehab start and made Wednesday a significant day for the franchise — the first time Fried and Cole will be in the rotation at the same time, never mind throwing on the same day.

Fried, coming back from a left elbow bone bruise, last pitched for the Yankees on May 13, at which point he had a 3.21 ERA in 10 starts. Cole returned from Tommy John surgery to make his season debut nine days later.

Since then, Carlos Rodón has returned to the IL with left elbow inflammation, but he has a chance to be back by early next month, at which point the Yankees could have the fully healthy rotation they have dreamed about — Cam Schlittler, Cole, Fried, Rodón and either Will Warren or Ryan Weathers.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Of course, that banks on everyone staying healthy until then, which is no guarantee. But the Yankees have withstood the rotation injuries so far this season to post a 3.63 ERA from their starters — the fifth-best mark in the majors entering Tuesday. It has been a strength of the team all season and has the potential to be even more so at full capacity, which could give the Yankees a lift at a time when they are trying to get back on track without Aaron Judge for the foreseeable future. Fried won't be able to help a scuffling lineup, but his ability to consistently keep the Yankees in any game will be helpful in their attempt to overtake the Rays for the AL East lead, trailing by 1.5 games entering play Tuesday.

It will likely take Fried somewhere around five starts to get fully built up, but finishing that off in the majors should benefit the Yankees more than any spot starter or bullpen game could in his stead.

After signing an eight-year, $218 million contract, Fried was terrific last year in his first season in pinstripes, while Cole was on the shelf, posting a 2.86 ERA across 32 starts. He carried that success over into the start of this season, including pitching into the seventh inning or later in five of his 10 starts before getting hurt and leaving a start against the Orioles early.

The 32-year-old Fried described his injury as a hyperextending of his elbow and "the banging of the two bones back there." He said he did not have any concerns about his elbow long term, but there was some question about whether this was something that might pop up again down the road even after he let it heal. Fried was hoping that making some mechanical adjustments would help to keep him in the clear moving forward.

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- **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) was expected to throw a bullpen session Tuesday, his first since landing on the injured list earlier this month.

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Game 1 vs. Pirates

Wednesday, 1:05 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Gerrit Cole

2026 stats:
3-5, 3.93 ERA
Career vs. PIT:
1-0, 2.45 ERA
Last start:
Fri., vs. LAD

RHP Mitch Keller

2026 stats:
6-7, 5.14 ERA
Career vs. NYY:
0-2, 10.24 ERA
Last start:
July 9 vs. ATL

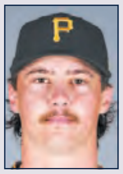
Game 2 vs. Pirates

Wednesday, 7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

LHP Max Fried

2026 stats:
4-3, 3.21 ERA
Career vs. PIT:
4-1, 3.94 ERA
Last start:
May 13 at BAL

RHP Bubba Chandler



2026 stats:
3-8, 4.77 ERA
Career vs. NYY:
First appearance
Last start:
July 11 vs. MIL

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DOUBLE THEIR PLEASURE: With Max Fried returning to start Game 2 and Gerrit Cole (inset) starting Game 1, it will mark the first time the two star pitchers have been available to the Yankees at the same time.

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Surprising bullpen lessens need for top-end reliever

By GREG JOYCE

Since their season began in San Francisco on March 25 — and really, even before that — it has been expected that the Yankees would need to address the bullpen at the trade deadline.

Suddenly, that date is less than two weeks away, and somehow the Yankees woke up Tuesday — when their game against the Pirates was postponed by the threat of storms — with the second-lowest bullpen ERA in the majors.

It has not always felt or looked that way, and the 3.09 ERA (mere decimal points better than that of the surging Red Sox) is not going to convince them they should not actually add relief reinforcements.

But at least with whatever Brian Cashman is able to land by the Aug. 3 deadline — whether it is as splashy as Padres star closer Mason Miller or more like the array of relievers he has acquired the past few deadlines — the Yankees have gotten enough internally to provide a solid baseline.

David Bednar, one of three relievers Cashman added last deadline (the other two have certainly not been part of the solution), has thrown 17 straight scoreless appearances (spanning 20 $^2/_3$ innings), five of which have lasted more than three outs. Lefty Brent Headrick has emerged as one of the best relievers in the game, sitting top 10 in both ERA (1.43) and fWAR (1.4), not allowing a run in 42 of his 50 appearances (both major league highs). Fernando Cruz has been best as a fireman, entering jams and escaping them by stranding 31 of his 36 inherited runners this season. Paul Blackburn has worked his way up the pecking order into high-leverage spots, posting a 2.08 ERA in his transition to full-time reliever. Tim Hill, despite some hiccups lately, has still been tough on lefties. And recently, albeit in a small sample size, even Angel Chivilli has looked like an arm worth seeing more of to find out if he can be a legitimate option in bigger spots.

All of them have contributed to the Yankees bullpen posting a major league best 2.32 ERA over its past 40 games dating back to June 3, a stretch in which it has held opponents to a .188 batting average.

"It's a really tight-knit group down there and everybody's pulling for everybody," Bednar said recently. "Just going out there and doing the job, it's a lot of fun to watch."

Again, the positive results of late do not mean that the Yankees do not need to add another trustworthy, high-leverage arm or two at the deadline. They could use more strikeouts and velocity, as the current group's 22.5 percent strikeout rate only ranked 16th in the majors, while their average fastball velocity of 93.8 mph ranked 26th, according to Statcast.

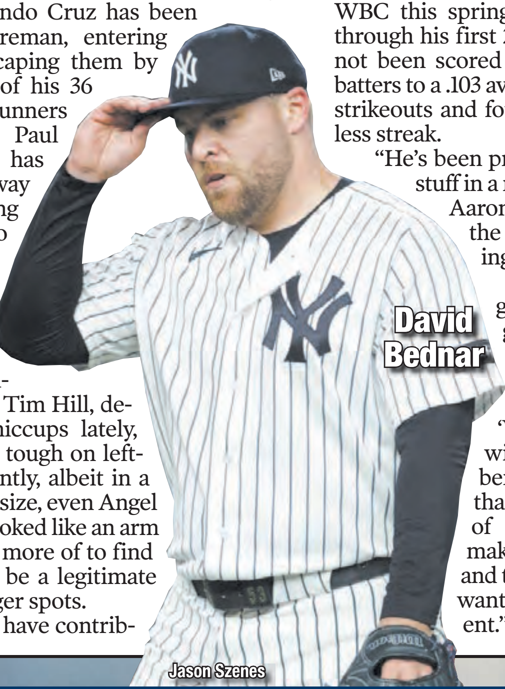
And they still have a problem in the two relievers that came in with Bednar last summer — Camilo Doval and Jake Bird, the latter now back at Triple-A and the former also potentially looking at being squeezed out of the picture because of his inability to deliver in big spots if the Yankees can add enough in the next two weeks.

But the group of arms that has pitched well, while still containing some question marks, means the Yankees do not need to overhaul their bullpen like they did (or tried to) last summer.

Bednar has been at the center of the bullpen's turnaround after a rocky start to the season, which prompted early questions about whether the Yankees might have a closer problem, too. After pitching in the WBC this spring, Bednar had a 5.14 ERA through his first 21 appearances. But he has not been scored upon since then, holding batters to a .103 average and .282 OPS with 22 strikeouts and four walks during his scoreless streak.

"He's been pretty dominant and has his stuff in a really good place," manager Aaron Boone said. "But then he's the kind of guy you want helping lead your bullpen culture.

"Obviously he's a really good pitcher, but really good competitor, really good person and teammate. There's no ego involved with it. It's like, 'Whatever we got to do to win a game.' We have a number of those guys that are like that down there and Bed's one of the leaders. I love his makeup. I love what he brings and the example he sets. He just wants to win, and that's apparent."



David Bednar

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THE THORN' SUPREMACY

Rook extends scoreless innings streak to 18 in Amazin' victory over Brewers

By MIKE PUMA

MILWAUKEE — The intrigue surrounding Zac Thornton isn't about to dissipate anytime soon.

For a second straight start, the rookie left-hander worked at least six innings for the Mets and departed without allowing a run. What's not to like?

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BREWERS	**0**

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His attack-the-strike-zone approach is refreshing, as veterans such as Freddy Peralta and Kodai Senga in particular continue to struggle on that front. On Tuesday, Thornton carried the Mets to a 4-0 victory over the Brewers at American Family Field for the team's third win in five games since the All-Star break.

Thornton, who picked up his first career victory, pitched six shutout innings, allowing three hits and one walk with two strikeouts. It followed his seven scoreless frames against the Red Sox on July 12, and in his previous start he surrendered only one earned run over six innings against the Phillies. The opposition has been challenging.

"I have always wanted to help this team win ballgames," Thornton said. "It's always been my No. 1 thing as a baseball player, not my personal accolades or anything like that. I have always been very team-driven and wanted to be part of the winning and a successful team."

David Peterson's trade to the Cubs last month created the opening for Thornton, and he's seized the moment. This latest gem extended his scoreless innings streak to 18 and lowered his ERA to 1.93 over four career major league starts.

FRESH CATCH: A.J. Ewing, who went 1-for-4 with a stolen base, falls to the ground while making a catch on ball hit by Brice Turang for the final out of the sixth inning in the Mets' 4-0 win over the Brewers. Rookie left-hander Zac Thornton (right) allowed three hits and struck out two over six scoreless frames.

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Another young pitcher who has excelled, Christian Scott, is set to face the Brewers in Wednesday's series finale. Those two arms have joined rookie Nolan McLean to give the Mets a starting pitching nucleus worth celebrating.

"[Thornton] was the same guy, unafraid, he attacks," interim manager Andy Green said. "He went after every hitter, and it's just a good mix with aggression and really good defense behind him today."

Jared Young's second-inning homer against Brandon Sproat gave the Mets a 1-0 lead. Young's blast was his seventh of the season, continuing his left-handed offensive contributions at first base, where he has provided a measure of respectability for the Mets this season.

Thornton received a defensive boost in the third when A.J. Ewing snagged Joey Ortiz's sinking line drive on a dive in left field for the second out. Thornton began his night by allowing a single and a walk in the first inning, but escaped by getting Andrew Vaughn to ground into a double play.

Sproat, who was once the Mets' top pitching prospect — he was traded to the Brewers with Jett Williams for Peralta and Tobias Myers in January — lasted 4 ²⁄₃ innings and surrendered two earned runs on two hits and four walks with four strikeouts.

"On a personal level, I have a ton of respect for Brandon, the way he went about his job with us," said Green, who served as the organization's farm director before becoming interim manager last month. "He works incredibly hard and he's a great person, a great teammate. You pull for those guys, but at the same time you face him today, you go hard in the other direction."

Carson Benge stroked a two-run double in the fifth after Sproat walked the final batter he faced, Bo Bichette. Francisco Lindor doubled ahead of Benge's hit that gave the Mets a 3-0 lead.

Luis Robert Jr. smashed a 451-foot homer to left in the eighth that gave the Mets their final run. Robert was activated from the injured list a day earlier after missing 2 ½ months.

Thornton surrendered the Brewers' first legitimate hit in the sixth on Cooper Pratt's sinking line drive that just eluded Benge's glove in right field. Ortiz also singled in the inning. Thornton escaped with help from Ewing's tumbling catch on the warning track in left field on Brice Turang's fly ball.

"I didn't want to leave the infield out there any longer, so I tried to throw my best strike pitch," Thornton said.

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TAG TEAM: Cooper Pratt is tagged out by Bo Bichette as he slides into third base during the sixth inning.
Imagn Images

Mets southpaw duo knows days in Citi likely numbered

By MIKE PUMA

MILWAUKEE — Brooks Raley counted down the minutes to the trade deadline in the visitors clubhouse in Kansas City three years ago, half expecting a call into the manager's office to tell him he had been traded by the Mets.

That call never occurred.

This time, the veteran lefty reliever, in the final year of his contract for a sputtering team, understands it makes more sense that he will be a former Mets pitcher by Aug. 3.

Raley's lefty cohort in the bullpen, A.J. Minter — who is also a free agent after this season — holds the same mindset: his days with the Mets are likely numbered.

"This isn't the ideal situation for the Mets and what we wanted to do here," Raley said before pitching a scoreless eighth in Tuesday's 4-0 win over the Brewers. "But it's also the reality of what's to come."

Together, Raley and Minter have given the Mets a top one-two combination from the left side in a bullpen that serves as a team strength.

Raley, 38, entered the day with a 2.02 ERA in 40 appearances this season. He first arrived to the Mets in a trade with the Rays before the 2023 season and then re-signed with the club last year while rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

Minter, 32, began play with a 1.80 ERA in 20 appearances this season. He signed a two-year contract worth $22 million with the club before last season, but was lost in April to a torn lat. He returned this season in May and has found success with a fastball that has averaged 92.9 mph — a drop from 94.5 mph last year.

Minter, a former Braves reliever, noted this is the first time he's been part of a trade deadline for a team that is selling.

"I am going to keep doing my best until they tell me to go somewhere else," Minter said. "Just keep going out there and performing for this team and go out there and win and see what happens."

Both relievers are enthralled by the idea of jumping into a pennant race in the next 1-2 weeks.

"There's that optimism and I think that is the goal of every player when they put on a uniform, no matter what uniform that is, to go compete for a championship," Raley said. "I wish we had done more while I was here. I really didn't get to do the 2024 [NLCS] run, rehabbing from surgery. I think all of us feel a certain amount of responsibility for not getting it done this year. But we are where we are."

Minter, who pitched for the 2021 World Series-winning Braves, has appeared in 20 postseason games.

"It makes the grind of 162 games all worth it," Minter said. "There's no words to describe a postseason atmosphere, and that is the reason why we play this game. It's exciting for that opportunity. At the same time, I am still a Met and it's frustrating to see where this year has gone, and we try to look at what we could do better."

If these are Minter's final days with the organization, what will be his memory of his tenure?

"It's been just sad," he said. "The New York Mets have changed my life forever. Going into free agency, I wanted to compete and win a World Series here and I had full expectations of doing so, especially with the talent we have. I feel for this organization because they do everything they possibly can to win here, from the owner to the front office to the coaches to the players. They just want to win and you can see that and it's just frustrating to not be able to deliver that to this fanbase."

Robert crushes 451-foot HR in 2nd game back

By MIKE PUMA

MILWAUKEE — If Luis Robert Jr. was forgotten by the Mets, they received a reminder Tuesday night of what they missed for 2 ½ months.

The outfielder crushed a 451-foot homer — the longest blast at American Field Family this year — to give the Mets their final run in a 4-0 victory over the Brewers.

Robert was playing only his second game after his removal from the injured list. He had been sidelined since April 27 with lumbar spinal disc herniation.

"[Monday] and today, those first couple of at-bats I was just trying to get into a rhythm," Robert said through an interpreter.

Robert's homer was the fifth longest of his career, according to Statcast. It was the longest of his three homers this season. He started in center field, surrounded by rookies A.J. Ewing and Carson Benge.

"It's a beautiful thing because none of us have to cover that much ground when we're all out there," Robert said. "It's a lot of fun because any of us can get to those balls at any moment."

METS NOTES

➤ Benge needed nearly a month to get his first season on the right track, but he hasn't looked back since.

The rookie outfielder entered Tuesday with an .809 OPS in July, a continuation of the success he saw over the previous two months. Benge had a .750 OPS in June after posting an .801 mark in May.

Peaks and valleys are common for a rookie, but Benge's consistency has been refreshing to a team that has received underperformance from several more experienced players. Benge had a .498 OPS on May 2.

"It's just getting adjusted to the league," Benge said before going 2-for-5 with two RBIs. "After I kind of figured it out the first time, it kind of helped me realize how to get back on track if I'm not doing too well."

Benge's steadiness is hardly a surprise to **Andy Green**, who oversaw the farm system until becoming the team's interim manager last month.

"I think he's wired as a person to handle the ups and downs that come with the big leagues and not make a mountain out of every molehill, because that mountain just gets bigger if you do," Green said. "He just shows up and plays baseball and does that well."

➤ **Clay Holmes** is expected to pitch in a minor league rehab game later this week, but Green wasn't certain on which day or for which affiliate.

ON DECK: at Brewers

Wednesday, 2:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Christian Scott

2026 stats:
3-1, 2.87 ERA

Career vs. MIL:
First start

Last start:
Thurs., at PHI;
5.2 IP, 0 ER, 7 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

49%	23%	18%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Cutter

RHP Logan Henderson

2026 stats:
3-1, 2.97 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
First start

Last start:
Fri., vs. MIA;
5 IP, 1 ER, 4 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

41%	33%	22%
4-Seamer	Change	Cutter

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m., WPIX, WHSQ
TBD vs. TBD

SATURDAY: vs. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m., Fox, WHSQ
TBD vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Clay Holmes** is expected to pitch in a minor league rehab game later this week. The right-hander is returning from a fractured right fibula.

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

"Exit 8" (Shudder) is a rock-solid experiment in form that deserves a slice of the acclaim **"Backrooms"** has been getting. But let's press pause on the metaphorical labyrinths of the mind for a bit, please. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

"The Map Of Longing" (Netflix) strikes the right emotional notes with its story, which is helped along by some amazing chemistry between its two stars, **Pablo Álvarez** and **Alícia Falcó** (left). Based on the novel by Alice Kellen, the series has a similar tone to shows like **"This Is Us."**

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

Netflix

Jimmy Tatro (above) stars on Netflix's "The Hawk" with Will Ferrell (left).

FLYING RIGHT OVER OUR HEADS

'The Hawk' star Jimmy Tatro didn't see Lance's finale twist, either

By HOPE SLOOP

Did you see that big twist with Jimmy Tatro's character in **"The Hawk"** coming? Well, neither did he.

****Spoilers ahead for the Season 1 finale of "The Hawk," now on Netflix****

If you watched all of Episode 10, "Pickle," of Will Ferrell and Tatro's new comedy series, you know by now that Lonnie (Ferrell) misses his last putt on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach, paving the way for his son, Lance (Tatro), to claim the title. Whether Lonnie did it on purpose or not is still up in the air, but one thing that isn't being questioned by the fans? Lance was never in any danger, and it was a mind trick to make his dad lose.

"I thought it was an unexpected way to go. I also was caught by surprise when I first read it," Tatro told DECIDER in a chat ahead of the show's release.

The entire season finale — which includes a heartfelt scene between Lonnie and his estranged wife Stacy (Molly Shannon) begging him to throw the game — leads fans to believe that Lance is in serious financial trouble after a gambling spree in Vegas. Remember, just a few episodes earlier, Lance wound up in a hush-hush poker game with Tony Hawk and others, betting money he didn't have and requiring his parents to bail him out of the situation. Lance later came to his mom to share that he had mob guys coming after him for the money, which, in turn, caused Stacy to go to Lonnie and beg him to lose on purpose.

In the finale, there are even shots of Lonnie eyeing down two of the "mobsters" from the Vegas poker game, who are standing in the crowd at the game, seemingly watching to see what happens to Lance and — going out on a limb here — to find him after the game. What really happened is that Lance lied to his mom and manipulated his dad into thinking he was in serious trouble.

That only comes out after Lance wins the championship, turning to his father and saying none of it was real, but just a tactic to get inside his head. The episode even cuts to the grumpy-looking muscle men in the crowd, who are now smiling and shouting, "Thanks for the tickets, Lance." They are very clearly on good terms., resulting in a twist that we truly didn't see coming.

But for anyone wondering how much of the Vegas stuff was real, Tatro says he's right there with the audience and wants to have a serious conversation with the creators about when it stopped being real and started being a ruse to play a mental trick on his dad.

"I think THAT was all real," the actor said of the Vegas poker scene. "This might be more of a question for the creator, but I think that was all REAL. I don't really know where it started [though], like when they started to be paid actors."

"Layers, layers to the show," added Tatro's co-star, Fortune Feimster, who plays Lonnie's caddy, Sam.

It sounds like fans will just have to make that decision for themselves, or ask Ferrell if they ever see him on the street.

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TRENDING NOW

With **"Saturday Night Live"** now in the rearview mirror, **Chloe Fineman** (left) has been cast in Netflix's **"Myron Bolitar."** Other cast additions to the new show based on Harlan Coben's book series include Jabari Banks, Jamie McShane, and Ben McKenzie.

WHAT'S NEW

ON ABC

"**Who Wants To Be A Millionaire**," hosted by **Jimmy Kimmel** (left).

ON HULU

"**My Grandfather Charles Manson**," a true-crime documentary.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

DRAMA

Pearl Harbor: 7 p.m. on AMC. Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. Two lifelong friends and a nurse who are caught up in the horror of Sunday morning in 1941.

ADVENTURE

Troy: 10 p.m. on AMC. Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. An adaptation of Homer's great epic, the film follows the assault on Troy by the united Greek forces.

ACTION

Top Gun: 11:30 p.m. on PARMT. Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. A hotshot fighter pilot Maverick puts himself at odds with the other pilots, especially the Iceman.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother			Survivor: Did You Vote For a Swap? (R)			CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics (R)
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Chicago Med: Altered States (R)		Chicago Fire: Exit Point (R)		Chicago P.D.: On the Way (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	WNBA Basketball: Chicago Sky at New York Liberty from Barclays Center. Live.				LIBERTY UNLOCKED	The 10 O'Clock News	The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	MasterChef
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: In The Hot Seat		Shifting Gears: Loyalty	(9:31) Shifting Gears	(10:01) Shifting Gears	Shifting Gears: Dog (R)	News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Dateline: Mystery in Los Lunas		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Dateline: Noises in the Night	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Secretary	The Big Bang Theory	Police 24/7: Busted (R)		Police 24/7: Grand Theft Auto (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Red Dot
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Nature: Big Little Journeys: Home (R)		NOVA: Chasing Pluto (R)		Bugs That Rule the World: Lifegivers (R)		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Antiques Roadshow (R)		TURN: Washington's		War That Made		The Last Battlefront		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Energy Swi	Brooklyn	Her B Idea	The NYC F	Feet	Bric tv BM	Eat Harlem	$9.99 R ★★½	Neighbor	New York	Secrets NY
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Corazon de Oro		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Operación Triunfo				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Segundo		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest (R)	Arrest	Arrest	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.	Swamp Pat.
AMC	54	43	231	Armageddon	Pearl Harbor (2001, Action) Ben Affleck. PG-13 ★★½						Troy (2004, Action) Brad Pitt. R ★★★			
BBCAM	71	101	189	'Crocodile' Dundee (1986, Comedy) Paul Hogan. ★★½				'Crocodile' Dundee II (1988, Comedy) Paul Hogan. PG ★★					Criminal Minds	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Tyler Perry's The Oval		Tyler Perry's The Oval		OG Stories	OG Stories	OG Stories	The Oval
BRAVO	18	44	185	The Valley	The Valley: Balls Voyage		The Valley: Guilt Tripping		Next Gen NYC: Brooklyn Horror Story			Bad Moms (2016, Comedy) Mila Kunis.		
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		WNBA Basketball: Dallas Wings at Portland Fire.			
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	Exp Unknwn	Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)		Expedition Unknown: Episode 5			Expedition Unknown: Searching (R)		
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Easy A (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone. PG-13 ★★★			
ESPN	28	36	70	Softball	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field. Live.						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	Sports	Little League Softball: Teams TBA Live.			(8:45) Little League Softball: Teams TBA Live.				College	NFL Live	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Kelsey Grammer (R)		Kelsey Grammer (R)		Kelsey Grammer (R)		Kelsey Grammer (R)	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Pressure	Caffeinated	Guy's Grocery Games	
FREE	38	49	199	The Proposal (2009, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. PG-13 ★★★					Million Dollar Nannies		Million Dollar Nannies		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	(6:00) The Basketball Live.			MLS Soccer: Atlanta United FC at Charlotte FC. Live.					MLS Soccer Live.		
FX	10	40	53	(6:00) National Treasure (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. PG ★★★					National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. PG ★★★					
HALL		191	240	Christmas at the Catnip Café (2025)			Snowbound for the Holidays (2026) Vanessa Lengies.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Crashers	Crashers: Don't Rain		Ugliest House in America		Renovation Resort Show		Worst Yard	Worst Yard	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	Alone (R)	Alone: Cold Omen (R)		Alone: Thin Margins (R)		Alone: Balancing Act			(10:34) Forged in Fire		Alone (R)
ID	23	171	123	See No	See No Evil		Body Cam: Risking it All		Body Cam: Trust No One		911: Did the Killer Call?		See No Evil: Cul-de-sac	
LIFE	62	45	140	Rizzoli	Rizzoli & Isles: Gumshoe		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(10:03) Rizzoli & Isles		(11:03) Rizzoli & Isles	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(5:00) NBA	NBA Basketball				MSG PM	MSG PM	NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
NATGEO	65	162	121	Gladiators	Gladiators: Warriors (R)		Pompeii: Out of: Tremors		Pompeii: Out of: Eruption		Pompeii: Out of: Survival		Pompeii: Out of: Tremors	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Top Gun (1986, Action) Tom Cruise. PG ★★★				Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise. PG-13 ★★★½						Top Gun
SNY	26	60	77	Amazin'	Mets Specials: Wright 5		MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Milwaukee Brewers. Replay.						Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Red 2 (2013) Bruce Willis.		The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (2024, Action) Henry Cavill.					The Ark: It Should Have		The Ark: Be Over Soon	
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	AEW: Dynamite: Dynamite 7/22/2026 Live.				The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(6:15) Forbidden Planet (1956) NR ★★★			The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) Steve McQueen. ★★★				In the Heat of the Night (1967, Drama) Sidney Poitier.			
TLC	52	28	139	World's	Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme Humans		Save My Skin (R)		Save My Skin (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(5:30) Kong: Skull Island (2017) ★★★			Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024, Action) Anya Taylor-Joy. R						Aquaman (2018) ★★★	
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	9-1-1: Help Not Coming		WNBA Wed	WNBA Basketball Live.				WNBA Basketball: Dallas Wings at Portland Fire.			
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Colombiana (2011) Zoe Saldana. ★★½		
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Shell Shock (Pt. 2)		NCIS: Gone		NCIS: Devil's Trifecta		NCIS: You Better		NCIS: Shabbat Shalom	
YES	53	89	76	Yankee	Minor League Baseball Live.					Yankees	MLB Baseball Replay.			
HBO	511	301	400	Pillion (2026, Drama) Harry Melling.			Life Larry	(8:50) House of the Dragon (R)			(9:58) Marc by Sofia (2026) PG-13			Three R ★★★
MAX	531	371	420	(6:37) Red Riding Hood (2011, Fantasy)			Pacific Rim: Uprising (2018, Action) John Boyega. ★★½				Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (2017)			
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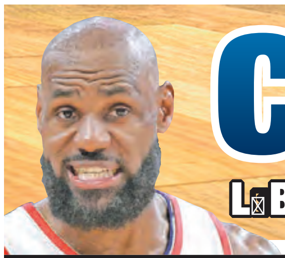

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Fried coming back ahead of schedule, to start Game 2 tonight after Cole goes in opener

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SURPRISE!

Max Fried was scheduled to make a Triple-A rehab start Wednesday night, but instead will be on the mound in The Bronx for the first time in 10 weeks. Back from an elbow injury, Fried will start against the Pirates as the Yanks get their first taste of Gerrit Cole and Fried in the rotation at the same time.

HE'S IN THE ZONE

THORNTON'S CONTROL THROWS OFF BREWERS IN LATEST GEM

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